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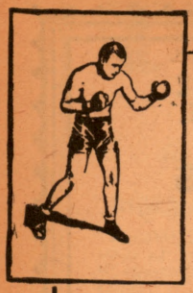

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By "THE OLD SPORT"

Lord Lonsdale in his prime.

THE death of the Earl of Lonsdale on April 13, last, at the ripe age of eighty-seven, deprived Great Britain of one of the most picturesque figures in the history of her peerage. Both socially and in a sporting sense he was internationally prominent to a degree never attained by any of his contemporaries. A fine amateur boxer in his youth, he won many glove contests, and when visiting this country in the Eighties received high tributes to his fistic skill by sport critics for the excellent form he displayed in exhibition bouts with such stars as Dan Dwyer and Mike Donovan.

To American fight fans his name was best known as the donor of the famous Lonsdale belts for British boxing champions. A legend to the effect that he once fought and defeated John L. Sullivan in a bout secretly held in New York City, was revived in 1937 by the publication of a statement signed by the peer, asserting that the battle actually took place, resulting in a five-round knockout victory for him, which appeared in the New York *Tribune* on January 24 of that year. Details of the contest, alleged to have been staged during 1879, were part of the Lonsdale memoirs of his life and sport career, that particular story being printed under date of October 10, 1937.

Nobody over here took the tale seriously, for reasons to be afterward set down, but many of his countrymen accepted it at face value, so great was their faith in the distinguished sportsman.

Setting the Sullivan controversy aside temporarily, it seems pertinent to state that there is not a shadow of a doubt that Lord Lonsdale's career was one of thrilling adventure in his youth. Before he succeeded to the title, when he was just plain Hugh Cecil Lowther, he came to this country seeking his fortune after the traditional fashion of so many English "younger sons" of good family. Being versatile and fearless, he tried his hand at many forms of work and sport, eventually drifting out West. Among other activities he is said to have done trick riding and acrobatics with a circus. His crack horsemanship made such a favorable impression on a wealthy ranchman watching the show that the latter offered him a job. This he accepted and developed in the course of time into as slick a young cowboy as ever forked a bucking bronc.

It was during that time he was rumored to have taken part in holding up a Denver stage coach, a story as often affirmed as it was denied, though it rested upon a more solid foundation than did the Sullivan yarn. For something of the kind actually did occur, without, however, attendant risk of sudden death by whirring lead.

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THE late Bat Masterson, who became acquainted with Lonsdale in the West during Bat's day as a sure-shot sheriff and marshal, told the writer that such an incident really happened, but belonged in the practical joke category.

"The boys put up a job on Lonsdale, and two of his friends, also young Englishmen. They were all tenderfeet then, happy-go-lucky chaps with a constant yen for anything in the line of daredevil adventure that promised plenty of excitement.

"Jack Regan, who was afterwards killed in a gun duel with a gambler in Leadville, Colorado, was the prime mover in the business. He flashed a sheriff's badge on Lonsdale and his chums and invited them to go along as members of a posse. Jack pretended to have received information that a bunch of bandits were going to stick up the Denver stage, and meant to foil the bad men. The young Britons, full of pep, eager for the fray, gladly agreed to the proposition, and off galloped the posse to the scene of the supposed holdup.

"Regan had seen to it that bullets were removed from the guns carried by Lonsdale and his pals and blanks substituted. He had also previously warned the stage driver and guard what to expect, and, as a matter of course, the whole party, as well as the supposed outlaws were equipped with blank ammunition.

"Everything went off on schedule, there was lots of firing, smoke and yelling before the bold bandits were driven into retreat. The guard and driver blazed away in great style, but took particular care to fire high over the heads of the attackers, because the irons used by the gallant coach defenders were loaded with the regular thing.

"But the guard slipped up once, when he didn't get the range right, and a bullet from his gun went through the Stetson worn by one of the 'outlaws,' as he made a fast-ridin' getaway. He was playing in big luck that it wasn't his head.

"That guard had to buy drinks for the whole bunch, and a new hat for the fellow who had been the victim of his poor aim, when they foregathered in Denver. It was all very real to young Lonsdale and his pals, who also bought plenty when the gang com-

plimented them for the pluck they showed under fire. No—the boys didn't put them wise to the fake. What for? They proved they had nerve, spent dough like the free-handed gents they were, and it sure would have been a shame to have spoilt the kick they got out of having taken part in a Wild West gun-brawl."

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SO much for the big-thrill-holdup anecdote, which somehow recalls Kipling's lines—

"I'm the Prophet of the Utterly Absurd,
Of the Patently Impossible and Vain,
And when the Thing that Couldn't has occurred,
Give me time to change my leg and go again!"

It would be unkind to suggest that Earl Lonsdale was the dupe of a too vivid imagination in the Sullivan matter, in which distance of the years "lent enchantment" to a fervid vision of something that never happened; much as King George IV of England nursed a favorite hallucination to the end of his days, that he was present at the battle of Salamanca against the French, and headed a heavy cavalry charge on the enemy, although the worthy monarch had never been in action or heard a hostile shot fired.

My own guess is that he was "spoofed" by jokesters like the Colorado cowboy gang, who furnished a counterfeit Sullivan as an opponent on whom to display his prowess. But with this difference—that if a Manhattan gang did arrange such an affair, as may have been the case—it wasn't done merely for a jest, but probably involved designs by the city slickers on the Lonsdale bank account. For that nobleman was, as Masterson commented, "a free spender," and one can fancy that he would have been in a very generous mood, ready to "come across" with the mazuma in an hour of fistic triumph.

All of which is, of course, only conjecture. Anyhow, to whip Sullivan in 1879, the year named in the Lonsdale memoirs as when he beat John L., wouldn't have been a magnificent exploit, according to the period's fistic dope, for Sullivan was then practically unknown outside of Boston, and had only participated in five gloves bouts. His accession to the heavyweight championship throne was four years in the future, when he took the title from Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City. It is difficult, without the aid of stimulants, to visualize Lonsdale expending time and money on a voyage across the Atlantic just to exchange wallops with a pugilist of mediocre reputation. Yet the Memoirs make it appear that Sullivan was on top of the pugilistic world at that time.

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THE further you dig into this perplexing business, the more confused and complicated it seems to get. Yet it remains of much interest to ring patrons and students of the game. It seems fitting right here to quote a portion of what Mr. Nat Fleischer, foremost boxing authority and Editor of THE RING Magazine, wrote regarding the affair in 1937, when the Lonsdale claim of having hammered the daylights out of John L., was first aired in print:

"Since the appearance of the story of Lord Lonsdale's life in *The People* of London, in which he declares that he knocked out John L. Sullivan when he visited America in 1879, I have been besieged with letters from all parts of the world, primarily from Ireland, Jamaica, India and South Africa, asking for my opinion on its accuracy. To each I have answered that, though Lord Lonsdale is a man of high reputation, I think that he errs in his statement that the man he knocked out in America was John L. Sullivan . . .

"For the benefit of the record, I have partially ruined my eyesight delving into the files of *The Police Gazette* for 1878, up to 1883; *The Police News* and New York *Herald* of those same years, to find a mention of Lord Lonsdale's setto with Sullivan, without result. I have failed to locate even an item that would prove that Sullivan was in or near New York at any time prior to 1881, two years after the supposed knockout. And what is still more important, nowhere in the sports publications of the period to which Lord Lonsdale refers, can any reference be found to Charley Mitchell's arrival in America prior to 1883.

"I knew Charley Mitchell well, just as I knew Pony Moore, his father-in-law. I had an interview with Mitchell in the New York *Sun*, in 1912, in which Mitchell said:

"'It was in 1883 that I first decided to come to this country, following my winning of the British championship at St. George's Hall, London, in the tournament conducted by Billy Madden to find a suitable opponent for John L. Sullivan. I won over a field of about thirty competitors and in the finals I defeated Dick Roberts . . . I then started a tour of England in company with William Sheriff and Tug Wilson, who were meeting all comers, and after that tour we embarked for America, where I opened my campaign and gave Mike Cleary such a bad defeat that the police stopped the fight in the third round. That was on April 9, 1883, and on May 14 I fought John L. Sullivan in Madison Square Garden.'

Lord Lonsdale as a young man.

"A mass of data which I have before me shows that the 1883 visit was the FIRST Mitchell made to this country, a trip that is exactly four years after that listed in the memoirs of Lord Lonsdale. But that is only a small part of the records which tend to refute the latter's statement with reference to his fight with Sullivan. Let us tackle his own story:

"'Rumors of our mutual intentions sped back and forth. People were talking about it—the few people who were "in the know"; and at last one day in the year 1879, when I was told Sullivan had sneered and said I was joking, I packed up and went to New York.

"'I had a jolly little party with me. There was Charlie Mitchell, that smiling and debonair incarnation of the gameness of British boxers who, for reasons of his own, traveled incognito. Mitchell had already built up a wonderful record as a fighter. When he was little more than a welterweight he had trounced several formidable pugs, including one who went by the rather ghastly name of "The Death 'Un'."

"Lord Lonsdale, according to the above, not only has Mitchell built up as a fighter with a great record in 1879, when, as a matter of record, he had fought only four minor battles, but has him whipping Jack Burke, to whom he refers as the 'Death 'Un', a typographical error, no doubt, for 'Deaf 'Un',—a fight that didn't take place until June 16, 1881, the year before he won Madden's tournament.

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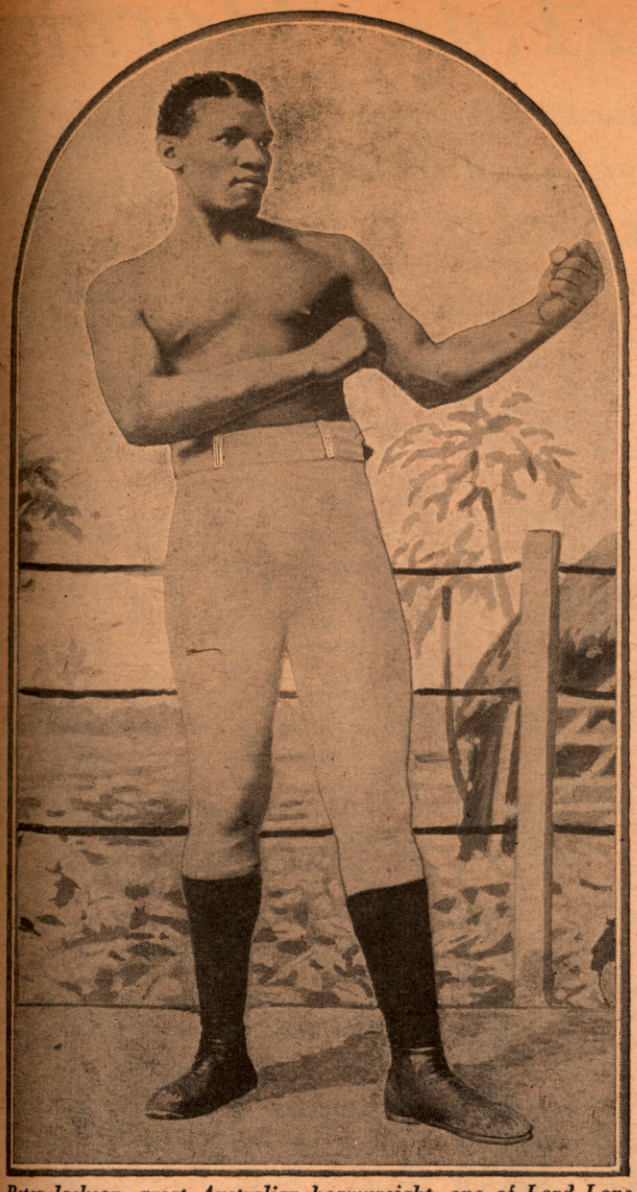
"I DO NOT want my British readers, an army of them, to misunderstand my motives. I am not trying to belittle Lord Lonsdale, whose record of achievement on behalf of sport is second



Peter Jackson, great Australian heavyweight, one of Lord Lonsdale's favorite ring heroes.

to none, but because of the many letters I have received, I have decided for historic value to do some research with the thought in mind that perhaps Lord Lonsdale would note from the facts presented that he was mistaken as to identity of his opponent and the date. He undoubtedly knocked out someone in America, but was it John L.?

"Now let us go down to John L. Sullivan. Here is a portion of Lord Lonsdale's statement as it appears in *The People* of October 10:

"It sounds rather like a legend, but, having seen Sullivan, having faced him in the roped square—in the period after his meteoric rise to fame, I can believe it.

"The mere hint of a challenge made him roar like a Bull of Bashan. So that when he got to know that I was eyeing him critically and weighing up in my mind my chances in a meeting with the dreaded champion, he was very angry indeed. There was actually a spot of trouble between us before we met each other with the gloves. One thing was that he had heard I had said a man could inflict as much punishment with the gloves as he could without them. Sullivan held the contrary opinion.

"Our battle was to be in the orthodox style, with gloves. But I could fight with the raw 'uns on occasion, and this time I felt that it was immaterial whether gloves were used or not. I wanted the fight above all. Naturally, the people who came along to witness our contest—it took place in the Central Park Academy, a riding school with which Sullivan was associated—were more than inclined to bet odds on Sullivan. That was only to be expected. But all the time in my secret heart I felt that I could show them different.

"'As he came at me in the opening of the fifth, I decided it was now or never. I let fly with my right and caught him solid in the solar plexus, and he went down without a sound, apart from a faint grunt. He lay there for several minutes after the final count, and when I went over and put out my hand to shake his, his face wore a dazed sort of smile as he accepted my grip . . . I HAD BEATEN JOHN L. SULLIVAN!'

"'So you see, though Jim Corbett got the credit for defeating the Boston Strong Boy as heavyweight champion years later in New Orleans, actually he was vanquished by me.

"'Yes, now after all these years, I can look at my strong right hand and say with truth:

"'This hand put to sleep John L. Sullivan!'"

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"GOOD sensational reading matter, no doubt, but again I must say, the facts are not borne out by the records. In the first place, I wrote the biography of John L. Sullivan three years before his death and I have a copy of the rough typewritten sheets as I typed them from his dictation and here is one part that will prove of interest in this controversy:

"It was not until the latter part of 1878 that I started to take a deep interest in boxing. Then it was that I took on Cocky Woods in Cockerill Hall, Boston, for an exhibition, and following that I had exhibitions with Dan Dwyer, Tommy Chandler, Mike Donovan and Patsy Hogan. I was coming along well and Jim Keenan and Tom Farley started to take an interest in me. They were Boston sportsmen who were sweet on me and told me that I had a great future.

"'It was through their efforts that I got a three-round exhibition with Joe Goss on April 6, 1880, and then the fight with George Rooke in June of that year, a contest which I won by a kayo in two rounds.

"'That was my first real fight. That December I went to Cincinnati, where I knocked out Professor Donaldson in ten rounds, and the victory gained for me such fine notices that I was invited to come down to New York and show the fight people there what I could do. Billy Madden, who had assumed my management, was a great ballyhoo artist and he decided that the only way I could get a fight for the championship would be to get the O.K. of the New York sportsmen and through him I landed in the big city and appeared at Harry Hill's. There Madden offered $250 to any man who could stand against me for four rounds. Steve Taylor accepted and I beat him easily.

"'That was my first visit to New York and I got a real thrill out of meeting the big shots in the sports world and the famous fighters I heard so much about but had never seen.'

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"FROM the above, it is obvious that Lord Lonsdale must be mistaken. Not only does Sullivan's story to me prove that he could not have been in New York within two years of the time that his Lordship says he met John L., in a private battle, but the records of *The Clipper* of 1881, *The Police News* of that year, and *The Police Gazette*, complete copies of which are owned by me, bear out Sullivan in his statement. *The Police News* says:

"'John L. Sullivan, who has been making quite a name for himself since he began to take up boxing two years ago in local exhibitions, made a hit in his first visit to New York when he thrashed Steve Taylor before a select gathering at Harry Hill's. Most of the New Yorkers, who had never seen the Boston Strong Boy, predicted that he would be the next champion.'

"Can it be that such famous editors of such famous sports publications as those mentioned above, could possibly have erred in making these statements about the first visit to New York?

"Can it be that Lord Lonsdale was hoodwinked into believing that he was meeting the Boston Strong Boy, who, at the time the British sportsman says he fought him, wasn't even known sufficiently in America to have attained half the reputation Lord Lonsdale gives him in his story? *(Continued on page 42)*

Capt. Hamas Aids Morale

Steve, Former Heavyweight Title Contender, Stages Thrilling Bouts for ETO—Tut Tabor, Army's Outstanding Middleweight Prospect

By PFC. MARK FANNON

CAPT. STEVE HAMAS, once a leading contender for the heavyweight championship, is a Special Service Officer, stationed in England. He devotes about all his time to giving the GI's plenty of thrilling entertainment, plus helping scores of young glove aspirants to get valuable boxing experience for future use. Capt. Hamas not only believes that boxing is invaluable as a means of body building, but better still, that it is a means of getting us to meet our British friends on common ground, with a better understanding of both in view.

With this in mind, Capt. Steve invited several prominent British boxing figures down to his Eighth Air Force base. They put on several exhibitions of their fighting styles, methods, judging, etc. Two matches between American fighters were staged to show the British the contrast. It made quite an impression, as there is a noticeable difference, and explains why some American fighters lost to Britons when they boxed over here.

Jack Harding, manager of the National Sporting Club, was the first of the British group to speak. He told the fans that the purpose of the show was to explain the British rules and manner of boxing to the Americans. There would be no cheering during the bout. This was a hard decision to abide by, but the GI's suffered until the round was over to register their emotions. Then he went on to introduce the rest of his friends, who included the announcer, the Guttridge twins, and finally the guest of honor, the Marquis of Queensberry.

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NOW the Marquis of Queensberry is not the original, but the son. And his talk was most interesting, for he, too, like his dad, is a boxing fan. His father, said the Marquis, made up the rules some 100 years ago, so that two men in a ring would have an equal chance. The rules, he pointed out, have been modified but little in Britain since that day. His father had the great Peter Jackson fight an opponent before the King of England with the new rules in force, and from that day on, they were accepted as the code for the fistic sport. The first championship fight under these rules was the Sullivan-Corbett title bout. The Marquis wound up his talk with a remark that drew wild applause:

"You Americans box differently from what we do, going in more for aggressiveness and hard hitting, but whichever way you fight doesn't matter. We must go in after those darn Nazis and whip every one of them."

After the show, the Marquis presented all participants with a book entitled, "History of the Queensberrys," a book covering 100 years of sports by the Queensberry clan.

Sgt. Sunny Reynolds of the British Army, introduced as a leading contender for the world's flyweight championship, met Cpl. Manuel Cisneros of Denver, from the Air Force, in the first exhibition. Manuel was a sub, as Reynolds' opponent didn't show up. This was a hard-hitting bout, with Manuel getting off to a slow start. He was puzzled by Jack Harding's repeated instructions. The bout was well enjoyed. No decision was given.

Sgt. Art Danahar, former British amateur 135-pound champ, now welter champ of the British Army, met his brother, Sgt. Al Danahar, also of the British Army, for three rounds. Brother Al is a clever boy, too, and put up a good show. Fast footwork and left hands were very noticeable.

Capt. Steve Hamas posing with one of the best Army middleweight prospects in the ETO, Pfc. "King Tut" Tabor of Oakland, Calif.

Cpl. Sid Hart, light-heavy, stepped three rounds with Sgt. Dave McCleave, former 160-pound champ of England. As with the other British boxers, plenty of dancing, jabbing and clean hitting took place.

In the first of the two American bouts, Pvt. Cipri Martinez, 135, of Tracy, Calif., received the nod over Pfc. Sal Guajardo, Detroit, in three sessions. Guajardo started well, but tired after the first. The referee was Frank Marsella.

The final bout gave the British a glimpse of American boxing at its best. Pfc. "King Tut" Tabor, 160, of Oakland, Calif., one of the best we've seen in the ETO, battled Pfc. Harry Miller of Philadelphia over the three-round route. Tabor, a swell prospect, was ahead all the way. He pressed stubborn Miller throughout. Tabor made it seven straight in annexing this win. Referee: Joe Molinari.

Capt. Steve Hamas led invited guests and contestants to the Red Cross Club, where a lunch was served. There it was that Steve was hurled words of praise from all sides.

If you remember your boxing stars, you will recall that Hamas was the Penn State athlete who whipped Max Schmeling and Tommy Loughran, to name only two. THE RING rated him a leading contender at the time —1935.

In the ETO he has worked hard to get everyone boxing-minded. He runs several shows weekly, referees and talks boxing. He has a fine assistant in Pfc. Frank Marsella of

Sgt. Joe Molinari, announcer, promoter and referee in the ETO. He hails from Corona, L. I.

New York City, who, like Steve, is a beaver for work, refereeing and training, or whatever may be needed.

Thanks, too, to Pvt. Gerry Brekke of Public Relations, same base, who was very helpful in giving all the information and photos needed.

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SEVERAL bright prospects for post-war boxing are beginning to unfold themselves in the boxing shows that are being held in England. Let us introduce you to Tut Tabor of Oakland, Calif., one of the best we've seen. They are calling him "King Tut" Tabor now. Not because he has been dug up as something new, but because he has won seven straight over here and looks as though he may be king of this section soon. His final goal is a shot at Tony Zale—some day, somewhere.

Back in California they pointed him out as a lad likely to go places in the glove industry. In the ETO they again emphasize the fact.

Uncle Sam, however, did give him a break denied to many other bright prospects. His was the good fortune of landing at Capt. Steve Hamas' base, where boxing takes priority. Pfc. Frank Marsella of this base is handling Pfc. Tut Tabor with care.

The seven straight victories is not what impresses boxing followers, but it is the manner in which Tabor wins that pleases them. Tut does everything well. To begin with, he has a good, strong, well-conditioned body. He is agile on his feet; punches well with both hands. Usually aggressive, he also retreats if this brings better results. Whether it's in close or in the stand-off style of battling, Tabor is at home, for his jabbing is accurate and his body punching clean and effective.

His opponents have not been of the "ham" variety, for this type, his handlers know, will not improve him. Pfc. Johnny Ford of Atlantic City was stopped by Tabor in three. Then he trounced Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins of Cleveland, Sgt. Martin Van Slack of Syracuse, N. Y., and Pfc. Harry Miller of Philadelphia. This Miller is a tough customer, and Dobbins has been a consistent winner since his arrival here.

Outside the ring Tut is mild mannered and soft spoken, and with his glasses on, looks very much like Tommy Dorsey. And like Dorsey, he is looking forward to the day when he, too, will be king of "swing."

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IF you know Lew Jenkins at all, you won't be surprised that he dropped in to the Rainbow Corner, London. His last bout took place in Africa.

One of the most-talked-of fighters of our time, his variety of escapades has kept him in headlines for some years. The former cowboy, soldier, songwriter, lightweight champion, guitar player, etc., is now with the Navy, riding in an L.S.T.—the boats that land tanks and soldiers on a beachhead. In between shellings—he has encountered plenty of that—he takes to the gloves. So it was typical of him to announce that he wanted a bout the minute he set foot in London—said he wanted to keep in fighting trim.

For an opponent they picked one Al Lopez of San Francisco, a tough pro welterweight. Lopez, it seemed, would test the old cowboy. The soldiers expected to see a real battle of topnotch proportions. Instead, all they know is that Jenkins can still sock. It required only one heavy gun from S1/c Lew Jenkins to sink Sgt. Lopez, thus winning his objective in no time at all.

Pvt. Lafayette Drummond, 158, St. Louis, scored a big upset on the same card when he whipped Pvt. Bill Kingsland, 168, of Redundo, Calif., the ETO light-heavy champ. Drummond, a consistent winner over here, clearly beat Kingsland, who had a big weight advantage. Kingsland, however, doesn't fight as often as do the others. He can't get the time to engage often.

Pvt. Vince Kozak, Hazelton, Pa., again won the unpopular nod over his old rival, Cpl. Bob Fertig, Kent, Ohio. These boys are evenly matched, with Kozak the better at long range while Fertig shines in close.

Pfc. Dick Menchaca, 134, Port Arthur, Tex., beat S/Sgt. Earl Woods, 130, Columbus, Ohio, in three hard fought rounds.

Pvt. Jean Balentino, Puerto Rico, stopped Pvt. John Guerra, 118, San Antonio, in the first.

Pvt. Art Persley, 133, New York Negro boy, halted Pvt. Tony Ortiz, 131, Klamath Falls, Ore., in one.

Pvt. Roger Sanchez, 129, San Antonio, Texas, outpointed Pvt. Jerry Pecararo, 126, New York.

Pvt. Elmo Barnes, 167, Detroit, stopped Pvt. Morris Shapiro, 163, Philadelphia, in 1:16 of the first.

Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, Cleveland, 158, halted Pvt. Lawrence Casati, 155, Brooklyn, in the second.

Pvt. Benny Droll, 168, Peoria, Ill., knocked out Pvt. Johnny Sharpe, 176, Chicago, in the second.

Pvt. Tom Walbert, 169, Cumberland, Md., T.K.O.'ed Pvt. Austin Wilson, 165, Ferriday, La., in the third.

Pvt. William Wright, 150, Youngstown, Ohio, outpointed Pvt. Ralph Simmons, 150, Cumberland, Md.

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PVT. BILL GARRETT, ETO champ, added another victim to his list in the person of Pfc. Ralph Pombano, 159, Brooklyn, after three fast rounds in a show staged a fortnight later than the one in which Jenkins appeared.

Pfc. Dick Menchaca, 134, was pressed hard by Pfc. Hewitt Tippens of Brunswick, Ga., but proved his superiority after three rounds.

Ben "Chief" McIntosh, 129, of Pawnee, Okla., came through with a surprise by taking the scalp of popular Pvt. John Brazee, 127, New York, a lad who had been winning consistently.

Pvt. James Plemons, 121, Birmingham, Ala., won a close one over Pvt. Pete Negrete, 120, Los Angeles.

Pvt. Murray Sellers, 131, New York, won over Pvt. Sam Gladstone, 129, Houston, Tex., in three sessions.

Pvt. Russell Ramirez, 140, Houston, Tex., kayoed Pvt. Robert Jackaway, 140, Chicago, in the second frame.

Cpl. Roy Hanna, 184, the clown from Tulsa, Okla., stopped clowning long enough to stop Pvt. Glen Read, 184, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in two rounds.

Cpl. Tommy Carbonaro, 162, Brooklyn, outpointed Pvt. Frank McLaughlin, 160, Pittsburgh.

Pvt. George Witt, 134, Brooklyn, won over Pvt. Louis Martinez, 135, Los Angeles.

Pvt. John Marsh, 162, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, outpointed Pvt. Ernie Cockrum, 158, Seattle.

Pvt. Morris Shapirc, 163, Philadelphia, outpointed Sgt. Bill Lockett, 163, Pittsburgh.

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A FIELD Force Headquarters show was the next on the boxing program. Pvt. Sal Difini, 148, Bronx fighter, stopped one of the better known boxers over here when he halted Pvt. Lenny Sergeant of Ogdensburg, N. Y., in the third session. Sergeant had been going along pretty well.

Pvt. Gus Liapes, 162, of Hartford, Conn., did well for New England by stopping Pvt. Joe Johnson, 160, Flomanton, Ala., in the second.

The other bouts all went to decisions:

Pvt. Eddie Origatis, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 125, beat Pvt. Sidney Adler, 122, Brooklyn.

T/5 Baltazar Diaz, Los Angeles, 135, beat Pvt. Walter Spychalski, 135, Newark, N. J.

Pfc. Johnny Shikoluk, 140, White House, N. J., who lost to Dick Shinn in his last outing, won over T/5 Victor Parisi, 144, Norwalk, Conn.

Pvt. Alex Ladisher, Cleveland, 155, beat T/5 Lowell Bergum, 155, Walhpeton, N. D.

Pvt. Saly Huffner, Cincinnati, 172, beat Pvt. Bob Lewis, 175, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Pvt. Pete Russ, 190, Harrisburg, Pa., beat T/5 Pete Ferrazano, 210, Paterson, N. J.

In an Eighth U.S.A.A.F. base show, Cpl. Ernie Roderick, now in the R.A.F., boxed an exhibition for the lads of the American forces, British Royal Navy and R.A.F. before a packed house. His opponent was Cpl. Walker of the R.A.F. In the feature bout of the night, Sgt. Johnny Ruth, 152, of Philadelphia, put away Sgt. Bob Ramsey, 150, Pittsburgh, in the third session.

Pvt. Bobby Ruffin, coaching Camp Sibert boxers, is shown above explaining technique of punching the heavy bag to Pvt. Eddie McGraw, Philadelphia lightweight. Looking on is Maj. Jack L. Douglas, Unit Training Center Special Service officer. Others pictured are, from left to right, Pvt. Douglas Lenwell, welterweight; Pvt. Charles Pulnich, featherweight; Pvt. Frank Hebert, featherweight; Pvt. Mike Riccardi, featherweight; Pvt. Anthony Ponzi, light-heavyweight; Pvt. Earl Johnson, middleweight; Pvt. Jack Cronley, lightweight; Pvt. Leo Woidzik, light-heavyweight; Pvt. Salvatore J. Cimino, welterweight; Sgt. August Tedesco, lightweight; and Pvt. Elmer Laughner, welterweight.

RUFFIN COACHES *at* SIBERT

By SGT. CHARLES LESEMANN

GATHERING much experience from the coaching and instruction proffered to them by Pvt. Bobby Ruffin, boxers at Camp Sibert, Alabama, are setting themselves for greater conquests in future ring events.

Boxing has always held an enthused following at Sibert, but the arrival of Ruffin and other cauliflower celebrities, aroused more interest in the camp's pugilistic activities. Ruffin, who holds a leading position among the world's lightweight championship contenders by virtue of his last year's triumph over Beau Jack, was assigned to Special Service immediately after he finished his basic training. As this is being written, he is tutoring Sibert boxers, and with other athletic technicians, is conducting organized calisthenics. Testimonial to the job of morale-building that Bobby is doing, is the large number of men who have been flocking to his nocturnal boxing classes at the camp gym.

Putting his charges through their paces, the lightweight contender teaches them the correct fundamentals of boxing and also impresses on them the value of training and taking care of their bodies.

"So many fighters end their careers on their heels, because they don't give their bodies proper care," Ruffin warned. "If a fighter doesn't keep himself in superb physical condition, he leaves himself vulnerable to damaging punches in the ring. If he is in good physical condition, he will have the resistance to absorb hard blows without suffering permanent effects, but once a fighter starts to dissipate, he is leading himself to his own downfall."

Just to prove that he is in good condition and that the military routine seems to be agreeing with him, Bobby one night donned the gloves with seven sparring partners, working two rounds apiece with each one for a total of fourteen rounds. The next morning he did five miles of roadwork and then put his class through calisthenics drill.

Ruffin's proteges pay close attention as he passes on to them the same knowledge that enabled him to whip such top-notchers as Allie Stolz, Mike Belloise, Richie Lemos and Chalky Wright, in addition to Jack. With boxing rudiments, Bobby mixes a few judo tactics which he feels might be of value to his pupils should they come into hand-to-hand combat with the enemy.

Professor Ruffin's aspirants are having plenty of chance to test their theories. Under the supervision of Special Service technicians, boxing cards are regular attractions at Camp Sibert. Contestants are evenly matched and as a result, bouts are close and thrilling. As an inducement to the gladiators, prizes in war stamps valued at $7.50 and $5.00 are offered to winners and losers respectively.

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A MAN who is winning deserved recognition for his work in promoting the fight programs for Sibert soldiers, is Maj. Jack L. Douglas, a former professional boxer and wrestler. Major Douglas, who was wounded while serving overseas during the last war, was middleweight champion of the 33rd Division in 1919. Professionally, he adopted the ring names of Kid Julian and Kid Alberts, and among his opponents were such fighters as Jock Malone, Mike O'Dowd, Eddie O'Keefe, Mickey Sheridan and Charley White.

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Boxing's Loss, Army's Gain

Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland Heavyweight; Johnny Holden, Detroit Welter and Artie Dorrell, Texas Welterweight, Prominent Figures in Their Outfit

Artie Dorrell, one of America's best welterweights, now training to be an Army air pilot.

PVT. JAMES LOUIS (JIMMY) BIVINS is now flashing his famous Victory Smile for the armed forces. The Cleveland clouter is taking his basic military training at Keesler Field, AAF Training Command station in Mississippi and at Keesler, Jimmy is definitely in his element. Boxing is a "major" sport at this Army Air Forces station. A weekly boxing show rallies an average of 7,500 spectators around the outdoor ring. Private Bivins had been at Keesler only a week when he was pressed into service as a referee and did well.

Bivins, who never as a professional lost a boxing decision that he at some later date did not reverse, is glad to have his chance "to fight the Japs and Germans." He gained a high respect for Army life almost the minute he undertook it. "I'm in good physical condition now, and I'm sure Army life will keep me that way," he said as he launched his basic training. Jimmy would like to have a crack at the original Brown Bomber, but he knows that will have to wait. "I'm interested in doing my part for the Army now," he said. "I want to be a good soldier."

Following entry of Joe Louis and Billy Conn into the armed forces, the 24-year-old fighter established himself as the country's leading heavyweight and joined the Army on March 21 with the Ohio title of "duration heavyweight champion" tucked away in his personal possessions. Winning his last 17 fights, Jimmy earned decisions over such heavyweight contenders as Lee Savold, Bob Pastor, Lem Franklin and Tami Mauriello. He last appeared in the ring Feb. 29 when he won a 10-round decision over Lee Q. Murray, his second conquest of the 207-pound Murray.

Married, the father of two sons, Bivins began his boxing career six years ago. He fought three years as an amateur, taking the weight divisions as they came. He was first a welterweight, then a lightweight, then a light-heavyweight champion before joining the ranks of the heavyweights. Bivins' pro record includes approximately 40 fights. Given a six-month draft deferment, he fought only in those fights approved by his board while doing essential war work. He could have engaged in many more bouts had this not been the case.

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IT USED to be Johnny Holden, the "Barefoot Boy," a walloping welterweight from Detroit. However things have changed a little since then. Now the same "Barefoot Boy" has on a pair of G. I. Army shoes and he is going by the name of Pfc. John Holewski of the Army Air Forces Medical Detachment stationed in Santa Ana.

"Barefoot Boy," Johnny Holden, pre-war welterweight Golden Gloves champion from Detroit, who is doing his fighting for Uncle Sam at the Douglas Army Air Field. His younger brother, George, is an aviation cadet in California.

Johnny started on his fight career in 1934 as an amateur in Detroit. It was a long career with an impressive list of kayoes, wins, and draws, and according to Johnny who is 27 now, he would still be hard at it if he didn't have a war to fight for Uncle Sam. Johnny has everything necessary to be a top flight boxer.

From Detroit in the early days, Johnny went to Canada for more fights, thence to Buffalo, Seattle, and New York, always finding time to return to Detroit to meet any challengers and to visit his parents. His dad George Holewski runs a trucking firm there and has at times let Johnny get a little "extra" workout by helping lift crates and boxes.

It was at one of those hometown fights that he was tagged with the "Barefoot Boy" name. It seems that in a bit of wild slugging and violent foot work, Johnny completely tore one shoe apart. His manager seeing the plight called Johnny to his corner for a little fast discussion. However, Johnny was all for action and "getting it over with right now." He emerged a few seconds later

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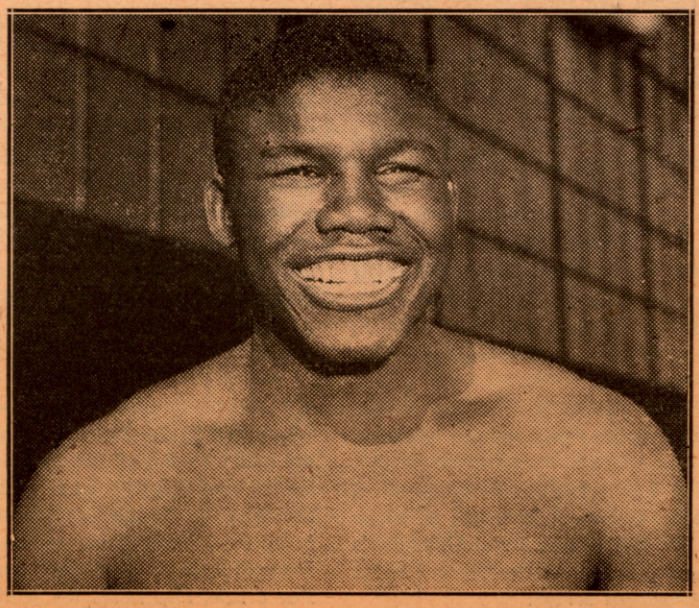

Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland heavyweight, who is training at Keesler Field.

BROWN BOMBER
MAKES HAPPY LANDING

By HARRY DWYER, C.S.M., U.S.N.

(Special Correspondent Overseas)

FLYING high in the estimation of the sporting world, Staff Sergeant Joseph Barrow, familiarly known to thousands of boxing fans as Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber," literally walked into the hearts of the Allied forces when he arrived recently in England.

With the same smile spread over his features, which he has carried ever since he won the world's heavyweight boxing crown, Joe, decked out in his fighting clothes, easily carried off the honors of the day.

The arrival of The Bomber brought a multitude of questions from all and sundry, but the man whose vocabulary predominated with "yesses" and "no's" filled the atmosphere with words when prodded with questions by the press. Joe's adept way in answering questions of the press, and his bantering back and forth with the correspondents, stole the show.

One of the most popular American boxers to ever hit the Continent, Louis looked in the pink of condition as he stripped down, showing his powerful muscles.

"There are two people whom I want to see while I am here," said the champion, showing that familiar sombre smile. "I want to shake hands with Tommy Farr, and then meet Adelaide Hall, the famous Negro singer."

The famous champion is on a goodwill tour and with members of his stable will appear in exhibition bouts at various army camps and hospitals. Included in his entourage are Sgt. Bob Smith of Detroit, Mich., who takes them coming and going from the champion, and S/Sgt. James Edgar of Detroit, Mich. Sgt. Jackie Wilson, of Los Angeles, Cal., who clicked in the lightweight division, also is on tour. The tour is under the direction of Capt. Fred Maly, Special Service Officer from the War Department.

In an interview for *Stars and Stripes*, Louis nominated Baer in an all-opponent team selected for the service men's publication. He said that Baer stood terrific punishment before going out of the picture and was the toughest opponent he had ever faced.

Billy Conn, who came close to lifting Joe's crown at New York's Polo Grounds in 1941, and the challenger he will meet first in the post-war era, was named five times in the mythical lineup, however.

Louis rated Conn not only as the smartest of all his opponents, but also the fastest, the possessor of the most effective left, and the one with the best offense and best defense.

In another surprise, Joe named Jim Braddock as having the most potent right—not Max Schmeling, who flattened him in 12 rounds in 1936.

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MAKING his first appearance at an Army camp, Joe Louis and his sparring partner, Bob Smith, went through three fast rounds while the GI fans shouted their approval. In his bout with Smith, the Brown Bomber unloosened his heavy artillery, sending his partner to the ropes.

In another exhibition affair, Sgt. Jackie Wilson and S/Sgt. James Edgar hooked rights and lefts into each other's anatomy with the heft of a mortar.

In another trip before the GI's, Joe took the role of the third man in the ring and dished out his judgment in bouts, in which two "overseas titles" were at stake, and in which Pat Gallagher's fighting GI's walked off with the top honors of the Ground Force events, copping 27 of the 32 tournament scraps.

Pfc. Pete Morelli, stocky heavyweight from Stockton, Calif., drove a hard bargain when he collided with Pvt. George Albert, of Waynesburg, Pa., for the heavyweight honors of the tournament. Morelli, one of the toughest scrappers in the division, outpointed Albert who recently took a T.K.O. victory over the E.T.O. heavyweight champion, Vince Kozak.

In the opening heat, both fighters tore into each other and turned on the well known heat with the long reach of Albert keeping Morelli at bay. In the second stanza, Morelli ran into trouble when Albert cut loose his powerful lefts and rights, but the Stockton scrapper made a dashing finish of it in the closing moments of the final heat, which gave him the duke and the crown.

Another scrap which saw Pfc. Charles Endlich, lightheavyweight of New York, trade blows with Cpl. Art Tatta, of New Haven, Conn., ended when southpaw Charlie took the first and third heats to win the nod. Off to a bad start in the initial canto, Tatta came back strong in the second to launch a heavy attack to Endlich's body, but the New Yorker rallied in the final, and worked Tatta to the ropes, landing several rights and lefts to the face.

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PFC. DON WEBBER, of Roanoke, Va., who has been clicking with regularity, saw the sun go down on his first affair in two years. Webber, E.T.O. featherweight titlist, put up a game but losing fight to Pvt. Jimmy Dunn, of Chihuahua, Mexico, who was crowned bantamweight king.

A cut nose in the first heat failed to stop the ambitious Pfc. Henry Huerta, Peoria, Ill., and he pounded out a win over Pfc. Lynwood Craighead, of Roanoke, Va., to take the lightweight title. The winner weighed in at 136 pounds, and Craighead tipped the scales at 134.

Pvt. Caesar Romero, slashing Los Angeles senior welterweight boxer, had little difficulty in disposing of T/5 Chet Aleski, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to carry off the title.

Three of the titles, the featherweight, welterweight and middleweight, remained vacant when the finalists, the majority of whom were of Pat Gallagher's stable, refused to fight each other.

Pfc. Elmo Barnes, a two-time Golden Glove winner from Detroit, Mich., and Pfc. Ed Ferris, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who won his right to compete in the finalists by disposing of Pvt. Joseph Iannacoone of New York in the semi-finals, are the leading lights in the middleweight division.

Pfc. Mickey Finnerty of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the winner in two previous tournament contests, shares the featherweight honors with Moon Mullins, from Decatur, Ill., who also has two wins.

In the welterweight class, Cpl. Sal Difini, a two-time winner from the Bronx, and Florida State titleholder, rides in the driver's seat with the veteran southpaw, Pfc. Charley Schnappauf, from Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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SOME of the highlights of the tournament just completed, while written in the history of boxing, still linger in the minds of the fans who turned out en masse to witness the bouts. Don Webber of the Infantry team scored the fastest knockout when he sent Pvt. Ed Stager, of Greensburg, Pa., into the land of dreams in 40 seconds after the opening bell rang for hostilities; Jimmy Dunn, the little Mexican bombshell, who captured the Ground Force title, also holds the featherweight crowns for the 5th, 6th, and 7th Service Commands which he won while in the States. In addition to these titles Jimmy garnered for himself the crown

in a mixed tourney when he scored a T.K.O. over Pvt. James Bergstrom, of Elkhart, Ind.

Pete Morelli, holder of the heavyweight diadem, established a record, when he copped the lightheavy- and heavyweight crowns in one evening at a tournament held by an Ack-Ack outfit. Pete, who held the California Golden Glove title in 1941, banged away with a series of potent lefts and rights which rocked Pvt. Walter Unsoll, of Steubenville, Ohio, to sleep in 1:10 of the second heat of their fiasco.

After resting for four bouts, Morelli stacked his wallops against those of Pvt. Walter Munch, heavyweight from New Orleans, and copped the nod with a T.K.O., after belting his opponent from pillar to post with driving lefts and rights.

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IT was a bad day for the E.T.O. scrappers when they tangled with the boxers from Iceland, as the "visiting firemen" wasted no time in getting started in the win column. And once they did start, they kept right on firing leather until the last bell sounded and the score sheets showed that they had copped six straights over their foes from the E.T.O.

Pfc. Billy Romano, featherweight scrapper from the land of ice, and a native of New Orleans, grabbed a picture finish from Pvt. Jerry Pecararo of New York.

Cpl. Billy McDonald, carrying Iceland's colors, kept the ball rolling when he copped the nod over Pvt. Herb Brining, of Camden, N. J., a former Icelandic scrapper. They are lightweights.

Pvt. Vance James, powerful Negro scrapper from the Engineers who hangs his hat in Raleigh, N. C., when he is home, went through a torrid session with Pvt. Jimmy Karjanis, from New Haven, an Iceland soldier, but could not gather enough points for a win.

Sgt. Bill Roach, of Charlotte, and carrying 137 pounds, added acid to an already festering wound when he decisioned Pvt. Clement Marrone, of Cleveland, a local fighter. In the first heat Marrone dropped the Cleveland swatter to the deck.

Sgt. Willis Cornelius, powerfully built Negro swatter from Atlantic City, N. J., proved no match for his Iceland opponent S/Sgt. Frankie Albano of Flushing, L. I., who made it five in a row for his record, and one more for the "visiting firemen."

In the big event of the program, Cpl. Roy Hanna, local favorite from Tulsa, Okla., and a veteran of the ring, put on too good a show against Pvt. Andy Riccardi, from Chester, Pa. Hanna's clowning tactics, reminiscent of Maxie Baer, failed to click and the decision went to the Icelander.

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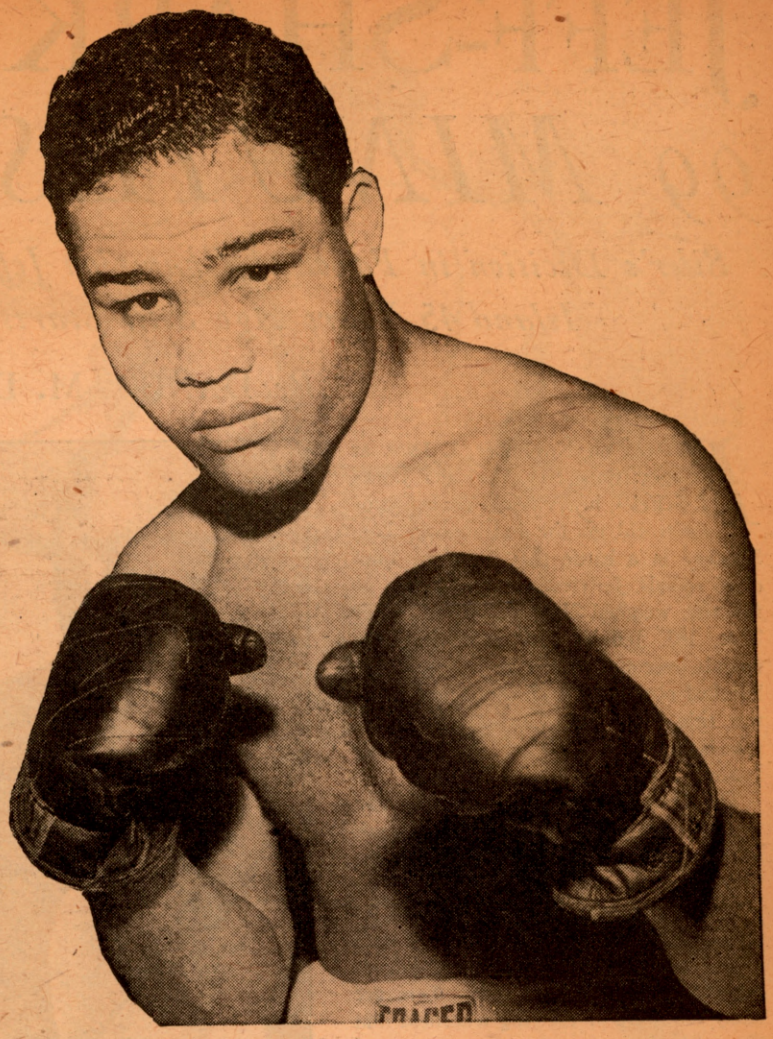
IN the finals of a separate unit tourney, Pvt. Bill Bannick, of Pittsfield, Mass., crowned himself with glory as well as the title among the welters. Bannick, former leading contender for the National A.A.U. lightweight title, brought all of his ring wisdom into effect when he swapped blows with Pvt. William Coonahan, of New York, and came out with a victory via the T.K.O. route.

Early in the initial round, the Pittsfield scrapper dropped the New Yorker for a nine count, but Coonahan came back slugging only to have a fistful of Bannick's rights meet his jaw and down he went. After 55 seconds of fighting like that, Coonahan's seconds, seeing that their man had absorbed a terrific pasting, heaved in the towel.

Moon Mullins, classy little 134-pounder who claims Birmingham, Ala., as his home, took a lot of punishment from Cpl. Robert Darrow, Chicago Negro battler, in the first stanza of their bout, but came back strong in the second and Darrow couldn't come out for the third round.

Pvt. Edward Lang, Detroit, outpointed Pfc. Addison Blake, of Pittsburgh, Pa. They fought at 125 pounds.

Pvt. Caesar Romero, Los Angeles' fighting machine, outpointed Cpl. Sal Difini of the Bronx. Romero weighed 156, Difini, 152.



Pvt. James Gilbert, Flint, Mich., decisioned Pvt. Alex Hladysh, of Cleveland. The fighting weight for Gilbert was 167, and for Hladysh, 159.

T/5 Ray McWaters, Paducah, Ky., at 183, outpointed Pvt. Floyd Smith, 180, of Michigan.

Pvt. Joe Johnson, Flomaton, Fla., 159, decisioned Pvt. Richard Gilbert, 168, of Flint, Mich.

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THE most renowned English sporting peer, Lord Lonsdale, answered the last bell a few weeks ago. He was the peer of the English sporting world, and to the boxing fans of England, he was the man who was responsible for the game reaching the high level it now rides on. No more will the familiar figure be seen at the sporting events, as the Earl of Lonsdale has answered the last bell of the Great Referee, and passed on to the happy hunting ground of men made famous in world sports.

Lord Lonsdale, a mighty figure in the sports of Europe, had a finger in the pie of the sporting world, from boxing to the Derby, and the Grand National. His picturesque figure was seen at all events and, for more than half a century, he paraded across the stage of sports with the inevitable cigar and a flower in his buttonhole. The Lonsdale Belt, one of the major awards in boxing, was given by him to each champion.

One of the finest sportsmen who ever graced the sporting stage, Lord Lonsdale has been affiliated with every known sport in England for many years. His guiding hand brought the British Board of Boxing Control into being and Lord Lonsdale saw to it that the game was given the necessary impetus to go ahead.

Many stories have been written of Lord Lonsdale, some of which, as people would have you believe, were the last word in truth. In 1898, when the gold rushing days were in bloom, he made the trek to the Klondike, returning a richer man in experience only.

JEFF-SHARKEY BOUT
99 MINUTES of HELL

Siler's Decision in Favor of Champion Jeffries After 25 Rounds at Coney Island 45 Years Ago Still Starts Old Guard Brawling

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IT was on November 3, 1899, at Coney Island, New York, that James J. Jeffries, heavyweight champion of the world, got the decision over Tom Sharkey in a battle that went the limit of 25 rounds. Jeffries, who was a 7 to 10 favorite, weighed 215 pounds, and Sailor Tom, 183. Jeffries had picked up nine pounds over the weight at which he had knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons, and taken the title from the Cornishman, in 11 rounds on June 9, 1899, also at Coney Island.

The Coney scrap between Jeffries and Sharkey was one of the most brutal, one of the most punishing and gruelling in the history of the ring.

And it was followed by charges and recriminations. George Siler was the referee who gave the decision to the defending champion, and even today there are many followers of the ring who hold that Tom Sharkey was the one uncrowned heavyweight champion in the history of the sport.

Tom Sharkey as he looks today.

At least many still argue, Sailor Tom was entitled to a draw. But in those days there was a thing called the courtesy to the title holder. To get a draw, the challenger had to have a decided shade. Referees of that era did not like to call stalemates in title fights.

Yes, it was a harrowing, punishing fight in which both men got terrific punishment. And remember, it went the full 25 rounds, in a strange picture about which we will tell later.

Not to be ignored is Jeff's insistence that he had fought through with a fractured left hand.

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SHARKEY had led up to the match for the championship with a series of impressive successes.

These had been featured by a nine-round victory over Jim Corbett in New York on November 22, 1898.

In 1899, Sharkey stopped Kid McCoy in ten, knocked out a thirdrater named Jack McCormick in two, and then took on Jeff.

Jim and Tom did not meet as strangers. They had fought on May 6, 1898, in San Francisco, and at the end of 20 rounds the verdict had gone emphatically to Jeffries. So Jim knew what to look for, and Tom knew what to expect, when they squared off in the Coney Island Athletic Club, with George Siler, famous referee, as the third man in the ring.

Before that night was over, Siler was to be execrated by thousands of fight fans for being in cahoots with the Jeffries followers to take the decision, and the championship, away from Sharkey—the tar from Dundalk, Ireland, perhaps the greatest Gaelic scrapper the heavyweight ranks have seen. They seemed to reason that so long as Tom had remained the limit and had a big margin on points in the rounds prior to the eighteenth, the mere fact that Sailor Tom received a terrible beating in the seven sessions and Jeff kept rolling up many solid wallops as the fight neared the finish, was not sufficient to give the verdict to the champ.

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IN the calm of this day, 45 years after the fight, it seems that Jeffries did win and with plenty to spare. He got a terrific beating, to be sure. But he also handed out one of the most severe shellackings any heavyweight yet has absorbed. Tom Sharkey only recently admitted that Jeff beat him squarely. Jeffries got a broken nose in the ninth round. Tom suffered a couple of broken ribs and other injuries and was forced into temporary retirement in a hospital after the fight.

In fact, the true story of Sharkey's condition after that fight yet is to be written. The man who can tell it is the 80-year-old dean of New York surgeons, Dr. John F. Erdmann. It was to his office that Sharkey, more dead than alive, was brought after the battle in Coney Island. Perhaps, one day Dr. John will tell all about it.

In any event, the Old Guardsmen still insist that Sharkey won the title from Jeff.

The fight was filmed for the movies. Powerful electric lamps were strung right over the ring, and according to technicians who used accurate thermometers, the heat in the ring was 112 degrees. It was radiated by tin blocks. So terrific was the heat that Referee Siler collapsed after rendering the decision.

Out-of-doors, it was a chill fall night down by the sea at Coney. But even as far back as the tenth row, the heat was terrific. And the place was packed. Tom O'Rourke ran the fight, and, believe it or not, charged $35 a seat at the ringside.

Tex Rickard figured he knew something about getting the most the traffic could bear. Mike Jacobs believes he has some expert angles along that line himself. But O'Rourke beat both of them to the richest gravy per seat ladled out of any heavyweight meeting.

The fight drew $68,000—a lot of dough for a ring engagement in those days. Billy Brady, manager of Jeff, who was in on the promotion with O'Rourke, blanched at asking thirty-five smackers, but Tom stuck to the idea—and got the dough. The $35 tickets sold out first.

O'Rourke stuck to the high tariff for the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight and got $48,000. The Fitz-Jeffries fight drew $52,000, with the fighters splitting a purse of $25,000, very rich for that era.

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THE movie people had filmed the fight in which Fitzsimmons beat Jim Corbett at Carson City in 1897, and the public became fight-picture daffy.

JEFF'S LONG LEFT KEPT THE RUSHING SHARKEY AT A SAFE DISTANCE

The job the movies did with the Jeffries-Sharkey battle was phenomenal. But those lights were murderous. Sharkey came into the ring weighing 183 and left scaling around 174. Big Jeff lost 20 pounds.

Anyway, when Siler raised Jeff's hand, Sharkey's supporters raised the roof yelling, "Robber." Siler stood stunned, then was escorted out of the ring by the cops. For a while it looked as if there would be a riot.

When the movies were shown, Sharkey insisted that they stressed his having taken nearly every round. Brady, for Jeff, who dodged the first showing in New York, announced that the flicker proved conclusively that Jeffries had won. And that is just where the writer is going to leave the whole thing, and proceed to things other than discussion of the disputed decision.

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THE Jeffries-Sharkey battle at Coney was the outcome of Jim's defi to Corbett and Fitzsimmons. The Boilermaker had framed it in an announcement that he would tackle any three heavyweights for 10 rounds apiece in the same ring on one night. Corbett and Ruby Roberts greeted this with sneering comment. But they wanted none of burly Jeff.

Sharkey, however, was interested. Unlike Bob and Corbett, he never had attained the title, and never had run into the real sugar.

Sharkey really thought he knew how to whip Jeffries. In their 20-rounder in California, Sharkey had been trounced all the way. But while Thomas was no scientific marvel, he did know how to force the fighting, and despite some disparity in the weights, believed that even if he failed to stop the Boilermaker, he could pile up enough points to gain the championship.

However, the main thing was to get Jeff into a ring again. And that was not hard.

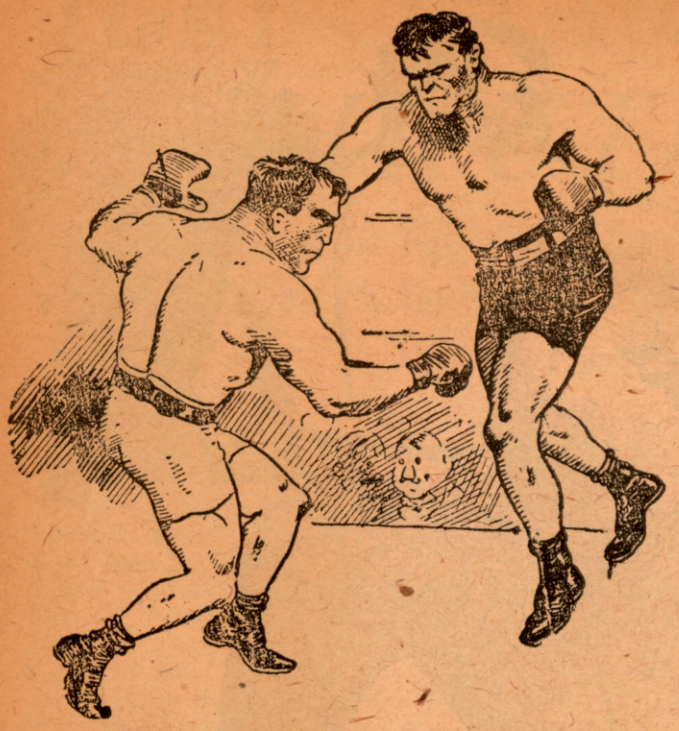
The fight was set for a week earlier, but Jeffries injured his left hand in training and had to ask for a week's postponement.

It is Jeff's contention to this day that he fought 25 rounds with tough Sharkey—and trounced him—with that fractured hand. Here is what Jeffries says about the fight:—

"When I fought Tom Sharkey in that twenty-five-round battle in Coney Island in 1899 I battled with a left hand that was practically valueless—and my left hand always was my fighting hand. And, in addition to that, I was handicapped by lack of perfect fighting condition.

"After I won the title from Fitz in June of that year, I immediately went on a vaudeville tour that carried me on a round trip across the continent—and then to Europe. For nearly four months I had to live a life that was opposed to keeping really fit.

"But I was under another handicap—and really a more serious one. And that was a left arm that was in such shape that a doctor had advised:



In the eleventh round, Jeff landed a terrific right cross to Tom's face and the Sailor fell to the floor, grabbing Jeff's legs as he dropped.

"'You are not to try to use it for six months.'

"About ten days before the fight, I had concluded my training and was just climbing the stairs to the rub-down room when I heard a yell. It came from Ernest Roeber, the wrestler, who was a member of my staff. As I turned to look, I saw the big 18-pound medicine ball come sailing through the air at me, thrown playfully, by Roeber.

"I made a quick grab for it—but the ball was too close. Even as I started to shove out my arms, it hit me a glancing blow on the left forearm and dislocated the elbow.

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"WHEN Roeber found out that something had happened to me, he rushed over, grabbed my arm and jerked it back into place," Jeff continued. "But in doing so, he was a little too violent. And his jerk, although it put the elbow back into place, broke a small bone in that elbow.

"A doctor tried to patch it up, failed and then insisted that it should be put into a plaster cast for two weeks—and not used for six months. I disregarded his advice. And I climbed into the ring against Sharkey with that arm in a bad way.

"I figured that I had about one good punch in that left hand of mine—and no more. I decided to gamble with it early in the fight—to let it go with all the power I could summon and take the chance of knocking out Sharkey.

"The chance came in the second. I saw an opening—and let fly with that left.

"It hit Sharkey full and solidly—and Tom went down under the impact. But he bounced up again, and I knew that the punch had done more damage to me than it had to him.

"For the left hand after that was useless as an attacking weapon.

"I fought the rest of that fight with my right hand for punching purposes. It wasn't my good hand, for my left had been the weapon that had won almost all my battles. Yet I think I fought well enough with that right hand to have earned the decision. And George Siler gave the decision to me.

"My only regret is that the dispute over the decision—the hissing and the booing—cast a reflection upon Siler, whose integrity never had been challenged all through the years when he was the foremost, the most wonderful and the best loved referee in the world.

"AFTER I defeated Sharkey I went back on the stage and was part of perhaps the most successful theatrical pugilistic show in all history.

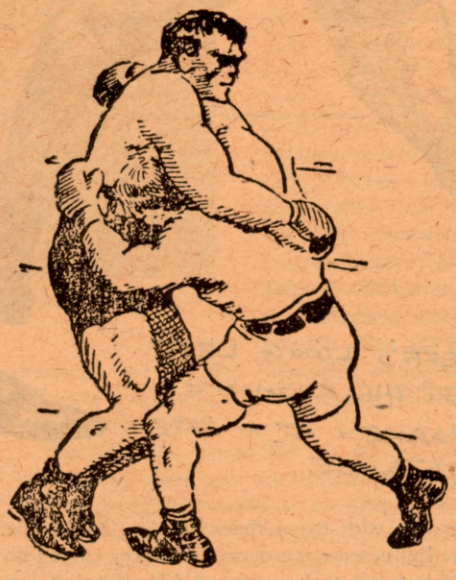
"Jim Corbett was with it and did a monologue. Tom Sharkey spoke a few lines. Ernest Roeber, the wrestler, did some exhibitions. The boxing part of the whole thing was put on by my brother Jack and myself.

"There were no theatres around the country big enough to house the crowds that wanted to see "Eighty Minutes Around New York." Everywhere we played to capacity. But the capacity wasn't big enough to draw in the money needed to meet the huge pay-roll. So eventually the show had to close.

"Then I went on a brief vaudeville tour under the management of Brady—and once again Bill and I cut up nice melons each week. And then I went into Detroit for a mixup with Jack Finnegan on April 6, 1900, which happened to be one of the two battles in my career in which I let anger get the better of me—and went out with the gong, resolved to crush a foeman, without regard for consequences.

"The rules of that contest called for the use of four ounce gloves. But the club didn't have any that were big enough to fit my hands. So to save an awkward situation, I suggested to Finnegan's manager that we use eight-ounce gloves that I used in my exhibition and of which I had a trunk full.

"Finnegan's manager snarled some refusal. I guess he thought I was trying to 'frame' his man by using my own gloves. He wouldn't permit the use of my gloves. He insisted the four-ounce gloves be used. So I used the smaller gloves by cutting open the palms of my gloves, which was a distinct disadvantage to me, as I had trouble in gripping them.



Jeff put all his weight on Sharkey in the clinches.

"'For what your manager has been saying, I'm going to knock you cold with the first punch,' I told Finnegan.

"The bell rang and I went out after Finnegan. The very second I got into range I let go with a left hand for Finnegan's body. It struck the liver with pile-driver force. That punch was enough to end Finnegan. But because I was angered with the whole Finnegan crowd, I could not resist the temptation to rap him one more, as he was sagging to the floor.

"So even as the left hit him in the body, I brought it up and slapped him on the chin. And then Finnegan went down in a heap.

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"AFTER I beat Fitz in 1899, Jim Corbett inclined to the idea that he could whip me. He continued to hang to that idea. He had a lot of logic—in his own mind—for such confidence. Jim, first of all, never felt other than that Fitz beat him on a fluke. And he wasn't so sure that I hadn't fluked a win over Fitz. In addition to that Jim remembered that only two years before I became champion, I was his sparring partner.

"Jim wanted the first crack at me after I had won from Fitz. But Brady gave it to Sharkey. Jim's clamoring for a quarrel with me became more insistent. The public began to demand that I meet the ex-champion. And when Brady discovered that the public really wanted to see the affair—all of which meant a big

gate and a nice percentage cut for us—Bill quickly drew up the articles.

"And so Jim Corbett and I were matched to battle 25 rounds in Coney Island, N. Y., on May 11, 1900.

"As you know, I stopped Corbett in the twenty-third round. That night, Siler was not the third man in the ring. Public clamor had resulted in his being superseded by Charley White. But Siler was an honest man, a fine referee, and regardless of what the disappointed spectators said about his decision, Siler picked the right winner the night I encountered Tom Sharkey."

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AGAINST Sharkey, Jeffries was not quite the fighter he had been against Fitzsimmons. Too much theatre had put him in poorer condition.

Charles F. Mathison, for many years associated with THE RING Editor on New York newspapers and with this publication, one of the greatest and most accurate fight reporters in America, at the time of the Jeff-Sharkey bout was Sports Editor of the Detroit *Free Press* and in telling the story of the fight as he viewed it, he wrote that had the fight been a twenty rounder as it was in California, Sharkey would have won the crown. At the distance it went, however, there could be no doubt about Jeffries having a sufficient margin to earn him the honors. According to Mathison's report, Sharkey received the worst beating in the last five rounds ever handed out in a heavyweight title bout. Here is the story written by Mathison:

"James J. Jeffries retained the title of heavyweight champion of the world. He fought Tom Sharkey at Coney Island in the presence of the biggest aggregation of spectators that ever witnessed a pugilistic encounter and at the expiration of twenty-five terrific rounds, was awarded the decision. Sharkey lost the honors, but not until he had forced his opponent to fight a marvelous battle and was in no way disgraced by the outcome. But lose the fight, he did. The writer is emphatic on that point.

"Sharkey fought wondrously well and during the earlier stages of the battle had very much the better of the issue. He demonstrated beyond all question that he possesses a marvelous aptitude for fighting. He was at a disadvantage in a physical sense, his opponent being much taller, fully twenty-five pounds heavier, with an extraordinary length of reach which enabled him to land his blows with more effectiveness at distance fighting. Sharkey, however, was most effective at in-fighting at close quarters.

"It was unquestionably the greatest heavyweight fight ever witnessed and aroused the enthusiasm and admiration of spectators despite their respective sentiments toward the men.

"Jeffries displayed little of the cleverness which marked his fighting when he whipped Fitzsimmons. He was plainly not in the condition he was when he won the title of champion from the Australian. Sharkey, on the other hand, was in superb physical condition, and looked the perfect type of a fighting man. Nothing was lacking in his physical make-up, and subsequent events proved that he had been trained for a bruising fight.

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"WHEN the two men stepped out to face each other it didn't look fair. The enormous bulk of the Californian towered half a foot above the sailor's head, and when he crouched and unwound his long left arm Sharkey couldn't reach him with his feet, much less his fists.

"Jeff advanced leisurely and Sharkey stepped back as naturally as you would get out of the way of a truck. He feinted a couple of times and then stepped in and launched a left swing.

"It was short by a trifle of two feet. He grabbed Jeff, and neither tried to land as they stepped back. Sharkey quartered around a bit and then tried with the right. This time he got near enough, but not high enough.

"When the gong for the second round rang, Sharkey bounced out of his corner like a ball and threw himself at Jeffries with all his weight in a right swing, ducking a wicked left as he came in. His swing was blocked, but the force of the rush swept Jeff back to the ropes.

"The sailor charged at him again, once more ducking the left, and this time he reached Jeff's ribs with a resounding right. In the clinch he landed again and woke Jeff up. The big fellow rushed him to the ropes, banging a nasty right to the ribs. Sharkey leaped at him again and jarred Jeff's head with a right swing on the ear. The sailor was getting a trifle the better of it.

"Jeff began pressing him harder when the third opened, but Sharkey constantly gave ground and for the first minute not a blow was struck. Then Sharkey darted in, swinging both hands and walloped Jeff twice on the head. As they came together the Californian shook him up with a short right to the heart, and just before the bell landed his first effective punch with the left—a wicked hook to the wind.

"In the fourth, there was little of importance, excepting a left swing of Sharkey's that looked strong enough to break a safe, and set Jeff's right ear a little closer to his head, but in the fifth there was more excitement and Jeffries' supporters began to kick up a racket.

"Sharkey tried ineffectually to lead the battle for a few seconds, but was driven back with a left to the head and a nasty right to the ribs. Again the sturdy sailor tore in, this time to finish up rigid on his heels from a left to the mouth that started a trickle of blood. A right to the head sent him back three paces as the bell came.

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BUT Sharkey had only begun to empty his basket, and Jeff will probably never forget the rest of the fight. Again and again the bull-like sailor hurled himself against the big man's fists in headlong fury.

"Again and again Jeff met him, stopped and threw him back with crushing blows that would have killed any other man in the world. But as often as he was driven back he dashed upon the Californian again. It was impossible to stop all of his blows. A wild left swing pushed in the end of Jeff's nose, and he was bleeding slightly from the lips. Jeffries, for the first time in his life, seemed to be tiring fast.

"The tenth opened with another mad rush and fearful swing that landed full on Jeff's mouth. A right to the ear followed it and Jeff missed an uppercut. Again Sharkey charged, but this time he was met with a left over the eye that could be heard out in the street. It sent him reeling to the ropes.

"The Californian followed and they fought like maniacs along the ropes, with Jeff getting the better of it. His weariness had magically disappeared and he looked the fresher of the two at the bell.

"Once again Sharkey began the round with two round swings to the head, but he took a right cross to the temple that made even the spectators wince. Even the all but invulnerable Sharkey couldn't take the wallop without damage.

"He seemed to sag in all over and dropped slowly to his knees, clutching Jeff's leg as he fell. They were posed that way for a few seconds and then Sharkey jumped to his feet as if he hadn't been punched in a month and swung both hands to Jeff's jaw. The big man stepped in, drove his left up to the chin twice without a return and the sailor looked dazed when the round closed.

"The rest of the fight was a delirious phantasmagoria of huge writhing bodies, whirling arms and red-smeared faces that disappeared every second behind blotched gloves and emerged redder than ever. Neither man stepped back.

"It was a murdering battle for the first eighteen rounds, in which Sharkey forced the issue. He drew too generously, however, upon his reserve vital force to accomplish his opponent's defeat, and in the final rounds had little to finish with.

"In those early rounds Jeffries' great weight and brawn helped him to hold off the sailor, and in the twenty-second round he swung a couple of vicious uppercuts that made Sharkey groggy. As the fight progressed, Jeff became more and more confident and took many more chances. He made full use of his weight and strength.

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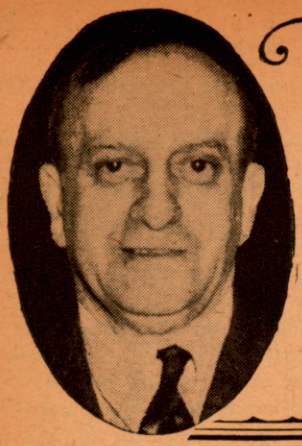

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Round Ring Meets With Disapproval

Ring Craft, Generalship Would Suffer

Teen Age Problem Stymies Officials

WE live and learn, times change and so do manners. That applies to the good old glove game as well as other things in life. Sometimes the change is for the better—sometimes there's a doubt! This sage reflection is born of the perusal of an Associated Press dispatch, dated San Francisco, April 19, which appeared in the sport columns of several New York newspapers. To quote:—

"A round ring, replacing the square enclosure used in boxing and wrestling, will be constructed for next Tuesday night's weekly wrestling here," Promoter Malcewicz said today. "The circle, possibly the first ever utilized in the history of the sport, will be named the Newland Ring, in honor of Russ Newland, western division sports editor of the Associated Press, who first proposed it."

So far as wrestling goes, it makes very little difference in what sort of an enclosure the rival grunt-artists disport themselves. But if the new-fangled round ring is to be utilized for fights, there are serious objections to the substitution.

The square has been the regular thing as a meeting place between exponents of the fistic art ever since the bare knuckle men began operations and up to and including the Marquis of Queensberry era. In the name of common sense, what advantage could be derived from turning the time-honored pugilistic lists into a circle?

Fighters of the past and present have learned their trade in the regular ring, and found no fault with it. Why alter what has proved satisfactory to patrons and principals for years that stretch back into the dim past? What possible advantage could be gained by such a proceeding? No man who has ever fought inside a square enclosure would feel at home scrapping in a merry-go-round. What would become of the "neutral" corner, to which a pugilist is supposed to retire after knocking down an opponent?

Can you imagine how bewildering the round ring would prove to boxers used to pacing themselves according to the old style, watching for a chance to rush opponents to the ropes and corner them there? Put a man used to the square ring into such a rat-trap, and how do you think he'd like it? He'd have to forget most of what he ever knew about ring craft and generalship in order to adapt himself to the new contraption.

But there is one consoling reflection. It will take more than the projection of a singularly silly fad, on the part of a promoter to bring about a revolution in the fistic world in the matter of staging glove bouts with a roundabout whirl status.

We are not ultra-conservative in our views, but there's such a thing as being too infernally liberal. The old ring-setting is plenty good enough, and any attempt to play hob with its shape will only serve to make the would-be innovators look like the traditional thirty cents in the eyes of the sport public. Not to mention the glove artists. They, you may be sure, would much rather sock than smile upon those whose efforts, if successful, would force every mitt-slinger to learn his trade at least half-over again in order to conform to new conditions.

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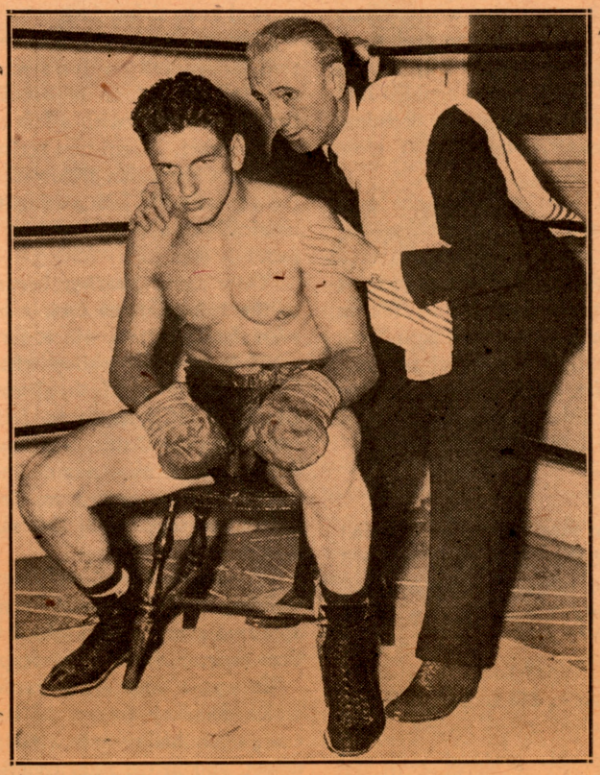
THE biggest drop in paid attendance at any club since the war began, was that experienced by the Callahan A. C. in Boston on the occasion of the Ossie Harris vs. Jimmy Elliott fight. There were only 790 paying spectators present, a drop from a March tops of 12,941. The gate was $1485.12, barely sufficient to pay for the club's carrying charges. The flop could be attributed to several causes, principally the counter attraction, the National amateur championships that were staged in the Hub for four days the week previously. Then again the managers of the fighters found fault with a lack of publicity, and perhaps this likewise had much to do with the poor attendance.

Boston has repeatedly proved to the fight promoters that it will support boxing but once or twice per month. The city during the past ten years has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the big-time promoters that a successful club can be run in the Hub only on the basis of a maximum of one fight card every fortnight.

As for the publicity, we can readily understand that. Publicity is required no matter how good the card and with the lack of newsprint, free notices have been cut down to a point where it has become necessary to advertise where heretofore advance notices on fights have been given gratis. New York, Cleveland, Hollywood and San Francisco are the only big cities remaining where free notices are carried daily as part of the newspaper's news items of interest for public consumption.

I can readily imagine what would happen were the publishers throughout the country to clamp down on publicity as was the case in Boston where the Hearst papers have been ordered to discontinue such free notices. The Callahan A. C. was the first struck hard by this order. Jack O'Brien and Eddie Mack, promoters of the club, deserve a better



Oregon's Undefeated Light-heavyweight Champion, Joe Kahut, of Woodburn, is 20 years old and considered one of the best boxing prospects on the Pacific coast. Kahut has taken part in 17 ring battles of which he has scored 14 victories and drew in three bouts. With him in the above, is his manager, Jack Capri, of Portland, Oregon. Kahut has three brothers in the armed forces, but he is deferred because of essential work on his father's farm.

fate. They have brought boxing back to Boston on the big time basis.

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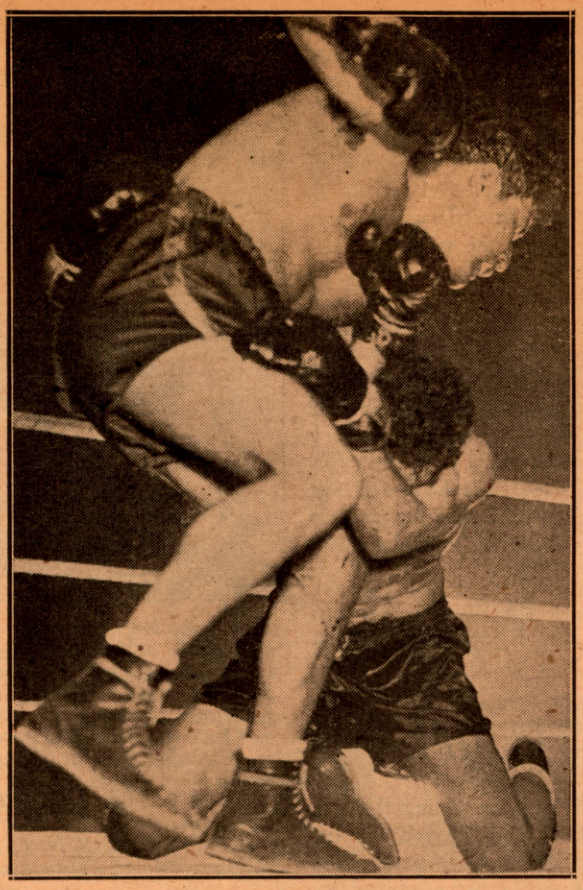
WITH Jimmy Bivins in training, Beau Jack in uniform at Fort Benning, Bob Montgomery awaiting the call to service after being classified 1A, Aaron Perry accepted for army service and a horde of other minor boxers called to the colors during the past fortnight, boxing suffered its biggest shakeup since men of the caliber of Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Freddie Cochrane, Georgie Abrams, Tony Zale and Melio Bettina among other stars deserted the ranks of the civilian fighters for the bigger job that awaits our armed forces on the battlefields of the world.

As in baseball, the caliber of boxing is deteriorating rapidly. Ere long we will have none but the novices and the retired veterans who are making a "comeback," taking part in our major ring contests. The youth of the land will not continue to don the mitts much longer, judging by the hurry calls broadcast for their services by the Army and Navy.

In many sections of the country lads of seventeen are boxing professionally where heretofore they have been banned because of their age. In many cases, ages are being falsified to meet the more stringent requirements, as in New York, Pennsylvania and California. But they get by until the draft board catches up with them and then the true age becomes known.



A scene in the bout between Jake LaMotta of New York and Sgt. Lou Woods of Camp Grant in Chicago, which Jake won in ten rounds. Here we see the soldier down for a count of nine in the ninth round.

Boys who have been fighting as pros for two years and are listed in my All-Time Record Book for 1944 as 20 years old or more, have only now reached their eighteenth birthday, according to the draft records. That is one of the reasons why so many no-contests have been declared recently. Fellows who are too young to stand the strain of a terrific ten- or fifteen-round battle, can't last more than half the distance at top speed, but the truth about their age is unknown to the commissions that have sanctioned the longer distance bouts.

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THE 'teen age problem is one that is bothering the boxing commissions throughout the country. In many states they are now trying to meet the emergency by lowering the legal age for professional fighters to seventeen but considerable objection is being met through the action of amateur organizations and thus far, in only one state has the rule been altered. In New York State an effort to make the change was recently defeated in the State Legislature. In Washington it likewise met with defeat, 18 years being the legal age there as it is in New York.

It looks now more so than at any time since the Pearl Harbor attack, that the promoters this summer will have to depend on "aged fighters" who have come out of retirement, boys who have been honorably discharged because of some physical disability and youngsters who may get a shot at a few pro fights before donning the uniform. The uncertainty is sure to make the leading promoters jittery and will result in only a handful of outdoor fights of any degree of importance being staged.

One of the reasons why so many fights of recent dates have been tossed out by the referees and called "no contests" is because the boys who are headlining the shows are not in condition to fight at top speed as often as they are being booked. Take the case of Tommy Bell, whose sensational bouts around the country have made him an outstanding attraction. Bell has been fighting sometimes three bouts a week. Recently he ran up an amazing string of three kayoes in five days.

How can lads of his age continue to give their best under such circumstances? It is unreasonable to expect them to give their best any more than we can expect the 4F boys who are engaged in boxing, to show meritorious work every time they toe to the scratch.

Recently Juste Fontaine, another fine Pittsburgh attraction, met the same fate as did Bell. He, like Bell, was involved in a "no contest" after a string of victories. Trace it to the same source. Managers should get wise to themselves and stop killing off good prospects through overwork.

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WRITING about "'teen age fighters" brings to mind a complaint I recently received about giving the incorrect data on the age of Tony Canzoneri. Tony declares that he was born on November 6, 1908 and not 1905.

Well, the case of Canzoneri is typical of that of many others who, to avoid trouble with the boxing commissions, falsified the date and year of birth to keep within the law in re boxing main events. Tony started boxing when sixteen and at eighteen was a topnotcher. When he fought main events in New York, he was under age and when he won his first title he was below the age limit required in New York State. Hence he listed his year of birth three years before he actually was born and the record was never changed. Now that he is in vaudeville and out of boxing, Tony doesn't mind telling the folks his real age.

Incidentally, while on tour down South, Tony was shown the recent N.B.A. quarterly ratings. Looking over the lightweights, Tony remarked:

"I believe that I could handle Juan Zurita or Bob Montgomery, the two title claimants, with the greatest of ease. The lightweights of my day were far superior ringmen to the present crop. Sammy Angott was my sparring partner in 1935. I rate Jimmy McLarnin, Billy Petrolle, Barney Ross, Lou Ambers, Sammy Mandell and Al Singer much better fighters than the best of the lightweights of today."

Tony is too modest to list himself with the above. They didn't come any better than Canzoneri after Benny Leonard's retirement.

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THE large number of "no contests" that have flooded the fight market these days has finally brought some action from a boxing commission. Owing to the unsatisfactory performances staged by many veterans who have come back in the role of main-event fighters due to the manpower shortage, Commissioner Leon L. Rains of the Keystone State has laid down the law to all who appear at clubs under his jurisdiction.

"Too many fights have been unsatisfactory. Too many boys are heading shows and collecting big money under false pretense, by not giving the fans their best. They are taking the easiest way out. Either they perform according to Hoyle and give the fans their money's worth, or there will be no payoff.

"I have instructed my officials that fighters from now on will do their absolute best or be ordered from the ring and have their money confiscated. The law in this state permits such action by

our commission. Our referees have received instructions, positive and most emphatic, to report all such cases and to take immediate and positive action. Men who fail to give their best in our state will find it difficult to be paid off and fight in Pennsylvania again."

Well spoken, Commissioner. The officials must either be backed up when they find that the public is being mulcted or defrauded, or there should be a ban against "no contest" declarations by referees. If the veterans who are flooding the fistic market cannot stand the strain of ten rounds or more, the promoters and matchmakers should guard the public by signing such men for minor bouts at less money.

We have a fine example of this type of action by the officials of Michigan. There Kayo Morgan, former bantam king, is making a comeback. He knows his capabilities and so does his manager, Harry Baxter. Instead therefore of foistering Morgan on the public in a ten-rounder as normally would be the case with a champion, he has been billed for semi-finals. This year, so far, he has knocked out Freddie Kramer in six and Jose Rovera in five and has given a good exhibition in each bout. We need the veterans just as we need the youngsters, but they should be kept where they now belong.

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IN RE the Nibert case upon which I commented in the last issue and questioned the judgment of the California State Commission, Willie Ritchie, the chief inspector, writes as follows:

"Just received your wonderful boxing magazine in the mail. Glancing through it hurriedly, I stopped to read your comment anent Red Nibert, winning California State light heavyweight title.

"I am enclosing a copy of the 1942 book containing the law, rules and regulations and under Rule 33-B, Page 54, you will find that if a boxer has a definite lead on points and is accidentally butted he receives the decision after a doctor has examined the injury and ordered the contest ended. However, if the injured boxer is behind on points he is given a draw decision due to being accidentally butted which of course you know is a foul whether butted accidentally or deliberately."

That tells the story. In short, California rules call exactly for the verdict that was rendered and since the boxing in that state is guided by a legalized state commission, such board has the right to make its rules so long as they conform with the legislative act.

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JACK KEARNS, following in the footsteps of the veteran boxers who because of a manpower shortage, have returned to the ring, is also making a comeback. In his first big venture in several years, aided by Nate Lewis, the Bald-Eagle of Chicago, Jack has leased the Coliseum in the Windy City and in his first offering, he had a sell-out crowd at the Bob Montgomery vs. Joey Peralta fight. Kearns is sold on Chicago as a fight center and if the crowd that greeted his opening night's venture is a criterion, he has reason to feel elated. Montgomery whipped Peralta in a close bout. It was Bob's last one as a civilian fighter.

Kearns has signed such stars as Willie Pep, Tippy Larkin, Lloyd Marshall and Jake LaMotta among others for coming events. It appears that Chicago is due for a revival as a boxing center under Jack Kearns' guidance.

The championship boxing team of the Ninth Marines, stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. This team is made up of stalwart athletes. Left to right: Standing, Lt. Howell, Joe Powell, Phil Johnson, James Owens, Walter Moore, Thomas B. Polvogt, Jr. Kneeling: George Reynolds, Abraham Manning, James Ferguson, and Robert Keese. Ferguson is a former track star who graduated from Dunbar High in Washington, D. C. He is a feather. Reynolds comes from Cleveland and is a welter. Powell, 18 years old, is a fine middleweight who hails from Petersburg, Va. Robert Keese of Clarksville, Tenn., is a middleweight, a rugged fighter. Cpl. Manning, a Newark, N. J., fighter, is a knockout artist. Moore is chief second and assistant to Phil Johnson, Lt. Howell is in charge of the group.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

WILFE SHANKS served notice to top-ranking middleweights that he will soon be menacing their ratings when, after a layoff of two months spent visiting his folks in Athabasca, Alberta, he handed out a sound trouncing to Jerry Fiorello in an eight-round feature at the Broadway Arena.

Montrealers saw their second pro fight show of the year when a benefit show for the Canadian Legion was staged at the St. James Market Hall, realizing a modest profit. The show was sponsored by the Victory Branch 88, with Branch President Harry Sheppard getting assistance from Max Alper, Maurice Foreman and Yours Truly. Two eight-round features, two six-rounders and a three-round exhibition were carded. The exhibition, a lively affair between the Fitzpatrick twins that got a big hand from the crowd, was the only fixture to go the limit, knockouts being scored in the other settos.

Roger Whynott, Nova Scotia sailor stationed near Quebec, sprang a surprise with his quick knockout of Maurice Lavigne, local welter, in two rounds. They had fought a draw in Quebec previously but this time Whynott got right down to business and nailed Lavigne early in the first round with one of his terrific overhand rights. Lavigne beat the count but barely lasted out the round. Another terrific right floored him at the start of the second and when he dazedly arose Whynott put over the finisher, Lavigne rebounding from ropes to the floor in grotesque fashion. Whynott is a smashing hitter for his weight and would be a mighty good fighter if he took the game more seriously.

The other eight-round feature also ended somewhat early when Lulu O'Connor downed Jerry Lavigne in four rounds. Lavigne had O'Connor on the verge of a knockout in the first round and gave him a good going over in the second. Inexperience cost him a kayo as he got too excited and overanxious.

The six-rounders were good battles while they lasted. Gus Mell, blonde feather prospect, flashed too much class for Pat Nolan and floored him for the count in the second heat. The opener between Henri Murray and Al Collins was a riproaring struggle with Collins having Murray on the verge of a kayo in the second, but he lacked the experience to finish him off. Murray rallied to batter him down in the fourth. Collins also lacked proper condition and practically collapsed from exhaustion.

Joe Gagnon, former Montreal amateur star now a lieutenant in the Canadian Army, was the sole Montreal winner in the Army finals at Ottawa, capturing the bantam crown. Len Wadsworth, Canadian middle king, had little trouble acquiring the Army honors in his division.

Johnny Nemis, former Maritime welter and middle king and one of the best left-hook artists we ever laid our peepers on, passed through Montreal on his way to Petawawa for the Eastern finals with his team of thirteen hopefuls representing the Military District No. 6 (Nova Scotia). He looked natty in his uniform with three stripes, yep, he's a sarge—and a very popular one.

STRAY SHOTS . . . Now that Johnny Greco is discharged from the Army there seems to be some hot and heavy wrangling over the managerial rights to the heavy-hitting lad who sprang into the lightweight spotlight last year with wins over Cleo Shans and Terry Young . . . Abe Elkins, who handled him so well in New York, claims he should be his mentor, but Pete Audette, his Montreal sponsor who sent him to Elkins in the first place has the inside track on him, at least in Canada . . . It would be ideal if they could still work together on him, but they broke off cleanly when each suspected the other of trying the freeze-out stunt . . . Dave Castilloux, Canadian lightweight and welterweight champ, is likely to get discharged from the R.C.A.F. shortly. He will return to the ring when he does get mustered out.

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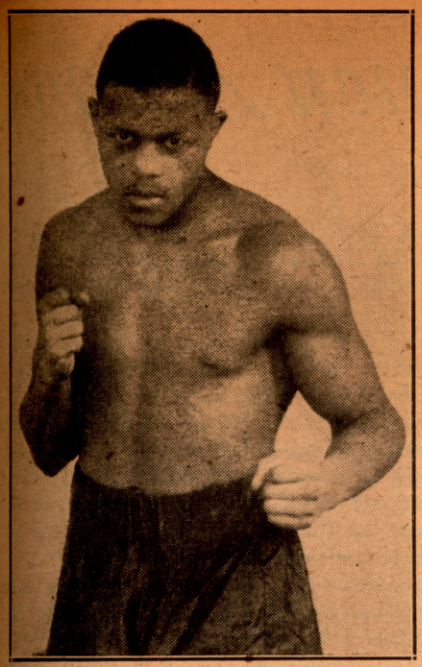
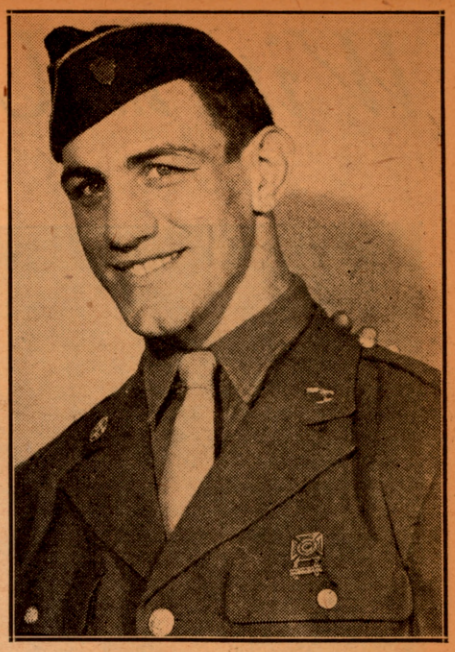
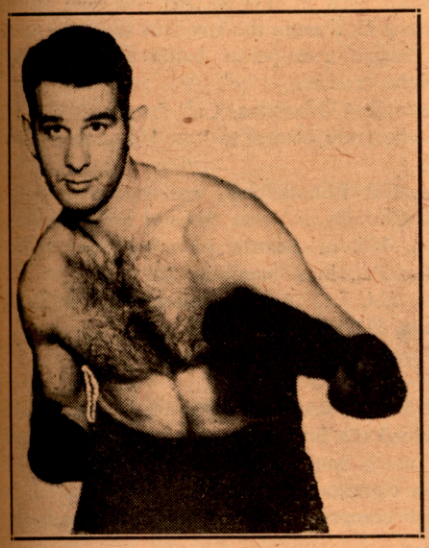


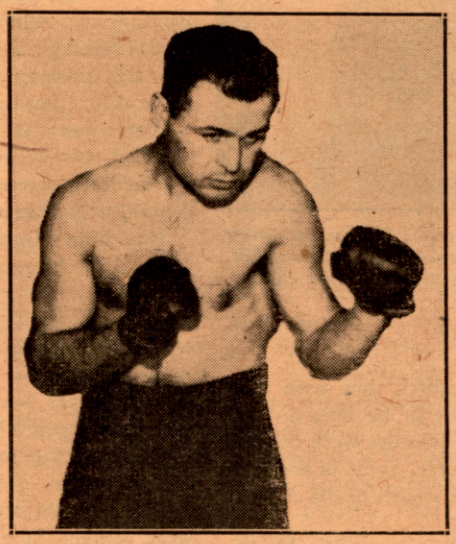
Billy Furrone, classy Syracuse welterweight, who is tanked as a boy with a good wallop. He has a fine record.



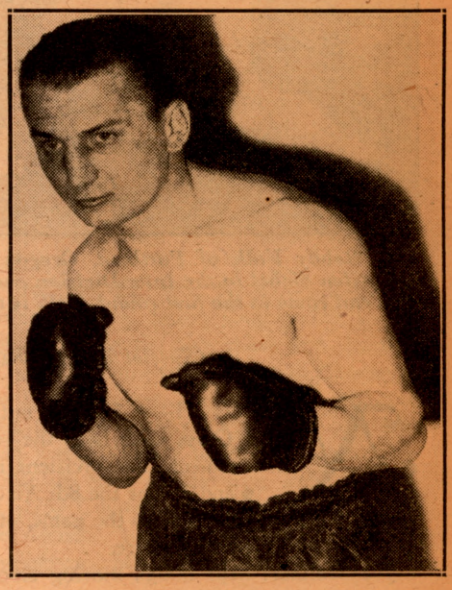
Joe Muscato, fine heavyweight prospect from Buffalo. His brother Phil has been discharged from the Army, but Joe is still in uniform.



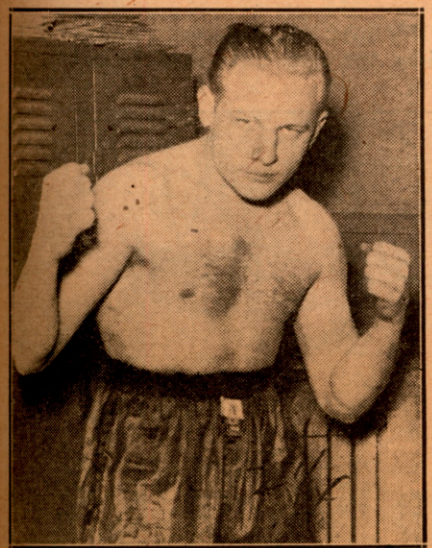
Rudy Zarick, a light-heavyweight, who is making good in New York. He hails from Buffalo, and is handled by Guy Sulpi, as is Mandell.



Jimmy Mandell, upper New York State middleweight, who is well thought of by fistic experts.



Joey Kushner, rugged, hard-punching Syracuse featherweight, who is piling up a good record in upper New York rings.



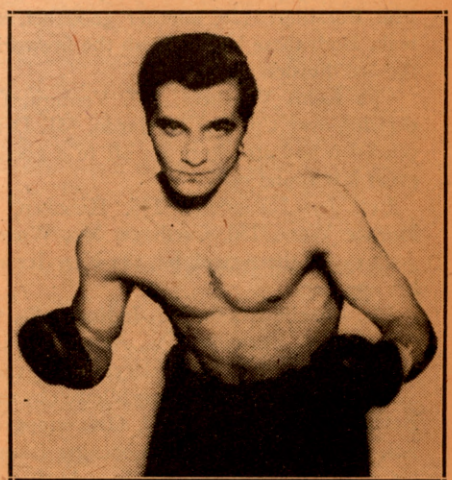
Bud Ackerman, a promising light-heavyweight from Ithaca, N. Y. He is handled by Ted Woodin. Ackerman hasn't lost a fight since starting as a pro two years ago.

Buffalo, at one time one of the best fight centers in the East, is coming into its own again, pugilistically speaking. Under the promotion of Jack Singer, an old hand at the game, boxing is playing to full houses. Operating at the Memorial Auditorium, Jack has put on several shows that have drawn capacity houses.

The war plants are going at full speed and the workers, with plenty of money on hand, are willing to patronize fights if proper inducements, in the form of good shows, are offered. This Jack Singer has been doing, with the result that he has reopened Buffalo as a good fight city.

The Red Jacket A. C. has obtained dates at the Auditorium, and the Arena Club is shortly to enter the field. Billy Murray may resume boxing shows.

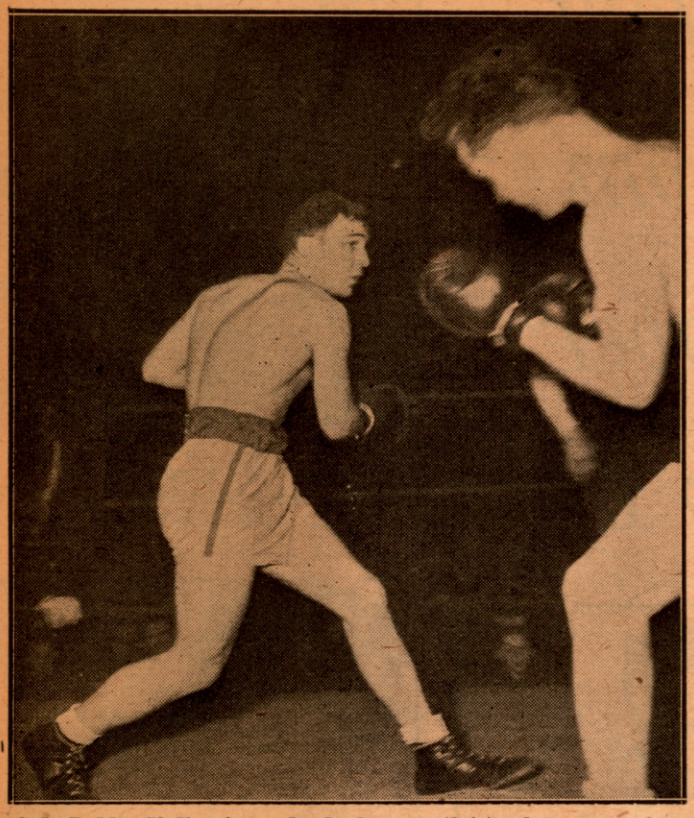
Binghamton also is back on the fistic map.



Johnny Montreal, a featherweight, who is doing good work in upper New York State. He is managed by Guy Sulpi.

With the U.S. Servicemen Abroad

By PFC. MARK FANNON



Cpl. Bobby Volk of Portland, Oregon (left), shown stopping Cpl. Glen Siebel in the Inter-Division championships at Norwich. The end came in the first round. Volk is the middleweight champ.

(Special to THE RING*)*

NORWICH—A bombed out church now used as a Red Cross Club, was the scene of an inter-division tournament. The divisions in question were the 3rd and 2nd of the 8th Air Force. Some of the boys of this show are not new to the game, others such as Al Altman got their experience over here.

Joe Molinari kept things moving smoothly as usual with his snappy announcing.

Howard "Porky" Moreno, former California Amateur flyweight king, won by default when his opponent failed to show up. A great disappointment as "Porky" is one of the best in the ETO. Phil Borzilleri, 126, another good bet, was kept out because of boils. Both these boys furnish the fireworks and would have made the 3rd division stand out.

Cpl. Keith Voorhees, 135, Ventura, Cal., won a hard-fought decision over Cpl. Sal Guajardo, 131, Detroit. Voorhees, in better condition and stronger, got off to a good start which offset Sal's great last round rally.

Pvt. Joe Lucignano, 146, Hoboken, N. J., outpointed Pvt. Horace Ware, 150, Carthage, Mo. Ware, a tough customer, cut Joe's eye in the second, but the New Jersey boy's ruggedness tired his opponent.

Pfc. Charlie Bryan, 152, Indianapolis, beat club-fighter Sgt. Al Altman, 149, Scranton, Pa., Al put up his usual slam bang battle but couldn't get to rangy Bryan until the third.

Another menace in the middleweight ranks was seen when Cpl. Bobby Volk, 161, Portland, Ore., stopped Cpl. Glen Seibel, 165, San Diego, Cal., lad, in the opening frame. Bobby breezed out of his corner looking like a million bucks. A lightning left dropped Seibel as they put up their hands. Game and dazed, Seibel lasted until 1:08 of the first, when referee Capt. Steve Hamas stopped the one-sided contest.

Sgt. George Nippert, 175, Colorado Springs, Colo., won over old man Cpl. Ralph Levitsky, 171, New York. Nippert was aggressive, swinging plenty but missing most, but did manage to land more than his foe.

Cpl. Harold Gary, 199, Oklahoma City, Okla., won a close decision over Pfc. Albert Rupkalvis, 177, Rochester, Minn.

AN 8TH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND STATION, April 10—"King Tut" Tabor, Oakland, Cal., middleweight flash, made it 11 straight wins in taking Pvt. Robert Jervis of Kenosha, Wis. Fighting on his home base, Tut tried too hard as usual to impress his friends, thereby over-doing himself. There was no question as to the winner as Tut was the better all round man and Jervis seemed content to last the distance.

Pvt. Jerry Pecararo, New York feather, bit off more than he could chew in trying to beat two men the same evening. His first opponent was Pvt. Charles Wohlwend of Superior, Wis., who gave him a stiff test before losing the nod for the 126 lb. honors. His next foe was a different story. Pvt. Jesse Puente of Zusa, Cal., a tough little in-fighter, whipped Jerry but only after 3 of the most savage rounds seen in this section. At close quarters they slugged toe to toe with Puente the stronger and better. Game and bleeding, Jerry fought a desperate battle but just couldn't capture the lightweight crown.

Pvt. George Roberts, 144, Formosa, Cal., by means of a left jab and gameness, came from behind to beat Pvt. Clement Morrone, 141, Cleveland.

Pvt. Harry Miller, 172, Philadelphia, was too smart for Pvt. Mitchel Ryback, 168, Chicago, and won the nod without question.

Pfc. Don Crowton, 195, of Seattle, won over Sgt. Richard Skeen, 225, Pottsville, Pa., in a mauling affair.

Pfc. John Morales, 154, Los Angeles, won over Pvt. Damon Cook, 155, Amsterdam, N. Y.

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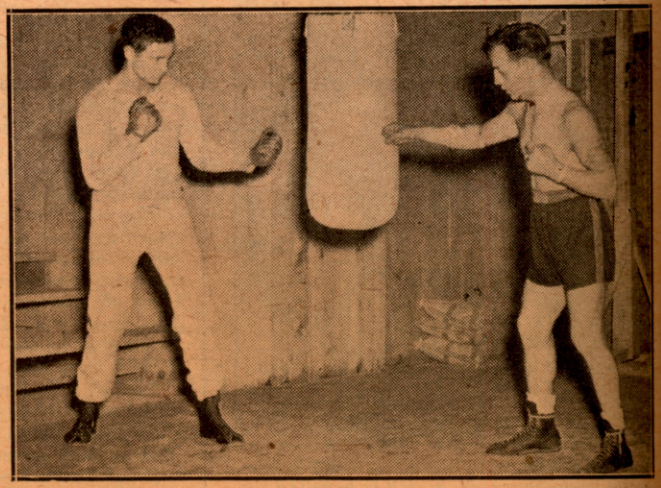
AN 8TH AIR FORCE STATION—Restrictions of one kind or another almost ruined the first show put on here. The crowd, however, was very much impressed and the next show will be much longer. Three contests between GI's, two British matches and a wrestling match comprised the bill. Short and snappy but full of action.

Pfc. Howard Moreno, 116, stopped Gerhart, 129, in the second heat. Moreno, now accustomed to giving away weight, was a little whirlwind as he pummelled the game Gerhart, who never was in it.

Grady Crumpton, 170, Roba, Ala., improved over former fights, won over Hugh Grisby, 169, after three hard-fought rounds.



Wade Nolan, somewhere at a U.S. base in England, taking instructions from his teacher, "Jerry" Pecararo (right), on how to punch the big bag.

Jimmy Wade, 175, Birmingham, Mich., of this base, was the hero of the night as he flattened Howard Card, 169, Elizabeth, N. J., before his favorite audience.

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AT BURY ST. EDMUNDS—They are still talking about the bangup show put on by the Special Service and the American Red Cross, for the semi-finals to the 8th Air Force titles. Everything worked like a charm. The 11 bouts, wrestling match and exhibition between the Gardner brothers, met with wild excitement.

Bout after bout after bout was a display of close matching and hard fought contests, gaining momentum until the final bout, which had every fan straining to the utmost with interest. Officers and enlisted men, English men and girls, rushed to the ringside to shake Moreno's hand after his sensational fight. There were three other hands that should have been shaken with gusto. They belong to Lt. Bill Bailey, Special Service Officer, Mr. Claude Myers of the American Red Cross, and popular Joe Molinari, announcer, man about town and general pepper upper. Frank Marcella did a swell refereeing job. Mr. "Hank" Lacey of the American Red Cross was timekeeper, and down for the show since the Rainbow Corner is closed for the season.

In the opening bout Pvt. Howard Card, 168, Elizabeth, N. J., got the nod over Pvt. Jack Levs, 162, New Brunswick, N. J.

Cpl. Pete D'Amelio, Brooklyn, N. Y., outboxed Pfc. Harold Farmer, 147, Detroit.

Cpl. Al Lindsay, 149, San Antonio, Tex., won a hard-punching duel with M/Sgt. John Kuzick, 147, Milwaukee, Wis. Both boys were floored and Kuzick, fighting his first fight over here, was not in the best condition.

Cpl. Joe Mendoza, 233, San Bernardino, Cal., steadily improving, took Pfc. Don Crowton, 193, Seattle, into camp. Joe, a good defensive boxer, was more on the aggressive than usual and had Don backing up all during the third to keep away from Joe's dynamite.

Pfc. Ernie Iannusci, 126, Los Angeles, was given an unpopular decision over Pvt. Jesse Spivig, 124, Houston, in the first title match. Title match because these are the winners of the 2nd and 3rd divisions fighting the 1st division winners. Spivig seemed to have a good lead coming into the third, but Ernie's last round bit caught the judge's eye.

Cpl. Keith Voorhees, 133, Ventura, Cal., winner by forfeit when his opponent, Pvt. Frank Hernandez, came in at 140, but fought and beat the San Leandro, Cal., lad just for experience. Hernandez started strong but faded after the first and took quite a pounding.

Pfc. Charles Bryan, Indianapolis, won the 155-pound title by a close decision over Sgt. Nassam Abraham of Allentown, Pa.

Cpl. Harold Gary, Oklahoma City, Okla., surprised by taking favored Pete Sinuk of the Bronx for the heavyweight laurels. Gary never looked better, boxed well and kept away from Pete's "demos."

Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore., took the 165-pound title by scoring the only K.O. of the evening. His opponent was Sgt. Bill Brady, Kingston, Pa. Volk had trouble getting to the rangy southpaw, but caught Brady in the second and with a flurry of terrific lefts and rights downed him for the count.

Semi-final: What promised to be a savage battle turned out to be a hard punching but not exciting contest between Pvt. Joe Lucignano, 145, Hoboken, N. J., and Sgt. Tony Tenore, 145, Newark, N. J. The decision, very close, went to Lucignano; with it the 145-pound title.

Final: Pfc. Howard "Porky" Moreno, 116, Santa Barbara, Cal., came from behind to punch Sgt. Primitivo Molina, 115, E.T.O. champ from Concord, Cal., to decisive defeat. Long lefts and rights kept the shorter Moreno away during the first. The pace began to tell on Molina in the second and "Porky" crowded the 7 to 5 favorite, shooting lightning lefts and rights with all the power in him. Sometimes "Porky" almost flew across the ring when he became overanxious and missed the champ. In the third, Moreno really went to town. Molina, now slowed noticeably by the pace, was a slower target and was on the receiving end of a stream of gloves. The fans yelled like mad when "Porky" had the E.T.O. champ out on his feet and cried for the kill. The bell must have sounded like sweet music to Molina. As there is no one else in the 8th Air Force to fight "Porky," he is the champ now without going into the finals.

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AT AN 8TH AIR FORCE STATION—The Bailey-Molinari combination came through with another fine show that was held at Joe Molinari's own base. The bouts were made up mostly of novices but the card was good, producing hard, close fighting. The writer, acting as a judge, found the battles the hardest to judge that he has seen so far in the E.T.O. The Crumpton-Grindle contest was very close, while the Conroy-Altman fight was soundly booed. The writer could not see anyone but Conroy, who is one of the best of his weight in this section. The best this corner could do for Altman was to call the first round even. The next two went to Conroy. But the other judges overruled, and the decision, though highly unpopular, went to Altman.

Sgt. Pat Paterson, 152, El Paso, Texas, came from behind to stop Pfc. George Heusner, 150, North Bergen, N. J., in the third. Heusner copped the first canto but faded thereafter when Paterson's hard punching began to take effect.

Cpl. Henry Smith, 190, Maspeth, N. Y., won a wild-swinging match with Pvt. Norm Decker, 188½, of Buffalo, N. Y. Both were wild and green and did little damage. Smith was the aggressor and on this counted his win over southpaw Decker.

Cpl. Sal. Guajardo, 133, Detroit, in better condition than usual, stopped Sgt. Paul Deane, 127, Boston, at the end of the second. Deane was willing and a stiff puncher, but Sal's well-placed shots took their toll.

Cpl. Glen Seibel, 160, San Diego, Cal., edged past Pvt. Johnny Chavez, 157, Yuma, Ariz., to cop the three-round nod. Coming into the third it was even-steven, then Seibel edged ahead by his cleaner and harder hitting.

Sgt. Al Altman, 152, Scranton, Pa., won his division title by taking an unpopular decision over Pfc. Harry Conroy, 151, Cleveland. Altman started well by taking the aggressive and slugging stiff lefts and rights to Conroy's head. From the start of the second, Conroy, who has lots of fighting sense, paced himself well and his accurate hitting began to show results. On several occasions he had game Al in a bad way. It was a tough one for Conroy to lose and is the first loss we have of him over here.

Sgt. George Nippert, 175, Colorado Springs, Colo., rough, tough slugger, took the decision and division title from Sgt. Jimmy Wade, 174, Birmingham, Mich. Wade was on the defensive too much.

Cpl. Bill Grindle, 165, Bend., Ore., won a hairline decision over Pfc. Grady Crumpton, 167, Roba, Ala. There was a lot of holding throughout and it was this fault that caused southpaw Crumpton to lose out in the final round. So close was this one that the writer called it a draw.

Cpl. Harold Gary 200½, Oklahoma City, Okla., squeezed past Cpl. Joe Mendoza, 240½, of San Bernardino, Cal., to win the division title. Giant Mendoza was clever and fast for a big man, blocking most of Gary's blows. Gary danced around, pecking away with jabs. Mendoza's pet blow was a right-hand bolo punch which luckily seldom hit its mark. There was tremendous power in it.

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PVT. HARRY SCHNEIDER, 140, Pittsburgh, scored one of the season's biggest upsets when he stopped popular and favorite Dick Menchaca, lightweight from Port Chester, Tex., on March 28, at the Rainbow Corner. Schneider was dropped at the start, but came back to floor Menchaca. Dick claimed a foul but this was overruled and Schneider was given a T.K.O. in the first.

Pvt. George Witt, 131, Brooklynite, scored the fastest K.O. at the Rainbow Corner since its first shows, when he flattened Pvt. Walton Marriott, 135, Versailles, Mo., in 20 seconds.

E.T.O. welter champ, Pvt. Billy Garrett, Pittsburgh, got a T.K.O. over Pvt. Art Arbuckle, 147, of (Continued on page 44)

Boxing Champs Crowned

General Richardson Lauds Sport as Essential Supplement to Military Training—Col. Sandman's Boys Team Victors

By CAPT. K. S. VANDERGRIFT

WHILE 13,000 service men and women packed the Schofield Barracks boxing arena to the rafters and cheered, Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commander of the Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area, presented individual trophies to the boxing champions, runners-up, team champions and second place team in the most successful boxing tourney staged on this famous post.

The colorful ceremony concluded the first Central Pacific Area boxing championship tournament, which was run off on four nights in the big Schofield Bowl on the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. The 1944 individual Central Pacific Area boxing champs are:

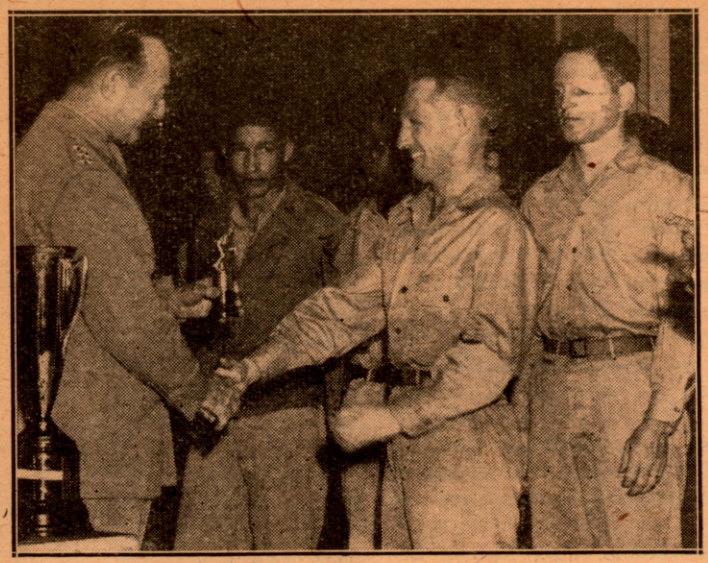
Andy Shields, Cyclones, Lafayette, Ind., bantamweight.

Sal Spataro, Army Port and Service Command, New York, N. Y., featherweight.

Mel Simmons, Army Port and Service Command, Philadelphia, Pa., junior lightweight.

Wallie Tuggle, 7th Army Air Force, Hattiesburg, Miss., lightweight.

Lloyd Grant, Army Port and Service Command, Huntington, W. Va., middleweight.



Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commander of the Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area, is shown presenting the CPA runner-up award to Francis Pouliot, Minneapolis, Minn., of the Kauai Island team. Pouliot lost a decision to Andy Shields for the CPA bantamweight crown. Other runners-up in the picture are Joe Amescua, Hourglass, Oakdale, Calif., featherweight; Robert Studaven, HAAAC, Chicago, Ill., junior lightweight, and Robert Wright, Cyclones, Chicago, Ill., lightweight. Col. Vachel Whately, CPA Special Service Officer, introduced the victors when they received Lt. Gen. Richardson's congratulations.

Lowell Strong, Engineers, St. Louis, Mo., heavyweight.

Al Garcia, 7th Army Air Force, Houston, Tex., welterweight.

Danny Rondionone, Kauai, New York, N. Y., junior welterweight.

Lou E. Clark, Army Port and Service Command, Springfield, Ill., light-heavyweight.

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Robert Wright, Cyclones, Chicago, Ill., lightweight.

Roy Phillips, Kauai, Los Angeles, Calif., middleweight.

Steve Redica, Cyclones, Chicago, Ill., heavyweight.

Bill Dillon, Cyclones, Pittsburgh, Pa., welterweight.

Harry Stroggins, 7th Army Air Force, Pittsburgh, Pa., junior welterweight.

Russell Schaeffer, Hourglass, Forrest City, Mo., light-heavyweight.

Nine major echelon teams took part in the CPA boxing tournament with top honors going to the Army Port and Service Com-

The Army Port and Service Command, under command of Brig. Gen. Roy E. Blount, copped the team title in the Central Pacific Area boxing championships at Schofield Barracks, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. The AP&SC team was made up of Schofield Barracks fighters and was trained and coached by Gene Gollotto, former well-known professional fighter. Left to right—1st Lt. Harry Collins, Schofield Barracks athletic officer; Sal Spataro, CPA featherweight champion; Mel Simmons, CPA junior lightweight champion; Col. Otto E. Sandman, commanding officer Schofield Barracks; Col. Wayne Smith, Chief of Staff, AP&SC; Lou E. Clark, light-heavyweight champion; Lloyd Grant, middleweight champion, and Trainer Gene Gollotto.

Lou E. Clark, Army Port and Service Command, of Springfield, Ill., light-heavyweight champion.

Sal Spataro, Army Port and Service Command, of New York City, featherweight boxing champion.

Lloyd Grant, Army Port and Service Command, of Hunting, W. Va., middleweight champion.

mand stable, made up of boxers from Schofield Barracks. The AP&SC team piled up 70 points to lead the Cyclones, who finished with 53. The third place was a close battle with the 7th Army Air Force totaling 51 points. Others finished as follows: Kauai District, 43; Hourglass, 38; Hawaiian Anti-Aircraft Artillery Command, 32; Engineer Group, 29; Gallavanters, 25, and Maui District, 14.

Lt. Gen. Richardson, Army Commander in the Central Pacific Area, has stressed the importance of boxing. The following was his message to the assembled service men at the big championship boxing card:

"The experience of past wars has shown, beyond question, that organized recreation and mass athletics are essential supplements to the military training program. The alternating of work and recreation prevents men from going stale.

"A complete program of competitive athletics is conducted in the Central Pacific Area to aid soldiers in achieving the highest possible standards of physical fitness.

"Included in this athletic program is boxing, an activity in which individual development cannot be overemphasized. Boxing is a sport which will rapidly develop a soldier to be aggressive, courageous and confident.

"I wish to take this opportunity to extend hearty congratulations to those of you who have been able to witness these boxing tournaments, as well as to the contestants, who have proven their superior ability."

On the big nine-bout championship card seven of the bouts went the limit, while two were ended in the second round, one by knockout and the other on a T.K.O. Outstanding fight of the night was the semi-final for the junior welterweight championship, with Danny Rondionone of Kauai showing more class and skill than had been seen all season. Matched against a heavily favored Harry (The Duke) Stroggins of the 7th AAF, Rondionone was given a chance to last the fight, but was expected by many to be kayoed.

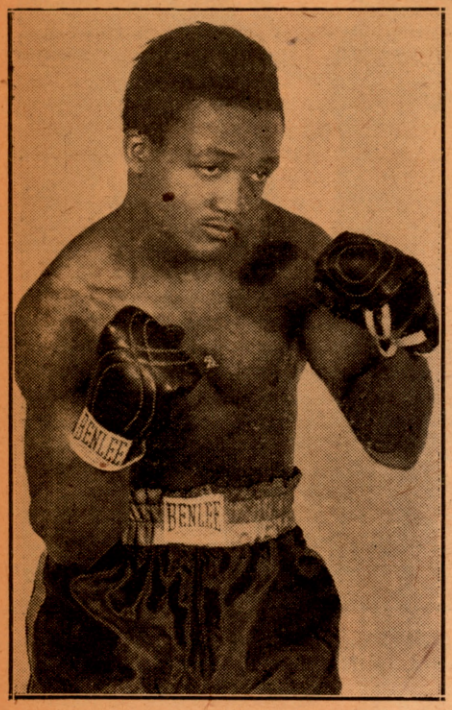
The fight went the other way, with Danny planting the hard-hitting Negro scrapper in the second. Clever infighting and then a terrific right to the face followed by a left hook that caught The Duke flush on the button lowered the boom. Rondionone showed superior ability in the ring *(Continued on page 31)*

Mel Simmons, Army Port and Service Command, of Philadelphia, Pa., junior lightweight champion.

Sgt. Broni (Babe Small) Smolenski (right) defeated Sailor Elmer Davis (left) in the main event of a five-bout professional wrestling card staged in the Schofield Barracks, Island of Oahu, bowl before 13,000 service fans. By winning the bout, Sgt. Smolenski became All-Service pro heavyweight wrestling champion of the Central Pacific Area and won the big challenge trophy held by Referee Charley Carr, present Hawaiian champion and holder of THE RING *championship belt. The challenge trophy was posted by Al Karasick, former light-heavyweight wrestling champion of the world. Smolenski will have to defend his trophy against Soldier Axel Madsen and Carr and his* RING *belt is all set.*

Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT



George "Speedy" Cooper, featherweight contender.

GEORGE "SPEEDY" COOPER

THE colorful nickname, "Speedy," had been selected for George Cooper from a variety of choice sobriquets, such as: "Action-Giver" and "Applause-Getter" and "Hit-Maker"—all of which, in truth, well-describe the young Negro featherweight.

Cooper is an aggressive, fast-punching scrapper, busy every moment that he's in the ring. In close, he pegs away at his rival's head and body with snappy blows. The little fellow's style is both showy and thrilling and his speed makes him a difficult target to hit with a solid punch.

Born in Edenton, N. C., on May 2, 1922, Georgie attended high school for two years before arriving in New York at the age of 15. Here he shined shoes, washed dishes, worked as a railroad porter and on a labor gang.

After two years, Cooper went to Baltimore to visit his mother. He remained there to continue high school. He is a proficient swimmer, dancer and boxer.

Back in New York Georgie went to the Gramercy Gym to watch a friend work out. The latter, having no one to box with, asked Georgie to put the mitts on with him. When Cooper obliged, the friend—a good amateur lightweight—tried to show him up. But it worked out the other way, with the result that Harry Davidow and Custer D'Amato, operators of the gym, decided to make a fighter out of Cooper.

Cooper lost but two out of 55 amateur contests. He garnered the National A.A.U. flyweight title and the Golden Gloves "open" championship.

Georgie turned pro a year ago and has been meeting the outstanding featherweights in the preliminary class. He has kayoed such fighters as Russell Robinson, Georgie Knox, Earl Mintz (a main event boxer), scored a T.K.O. over the tough Johnny Gebert and has drawn with Hubert Samuelson.

Cooper lost three of his eight battles, very close decisions, to such sparkling scrappers as Charley "Cabey" Lewis, who twice knocked out Lefty LaChance; to Frank Bove, who defeated former bantamweight champion Sixto Escobar in 1939, and to Charlie Smith, who twice held Leo Francis at even terms.

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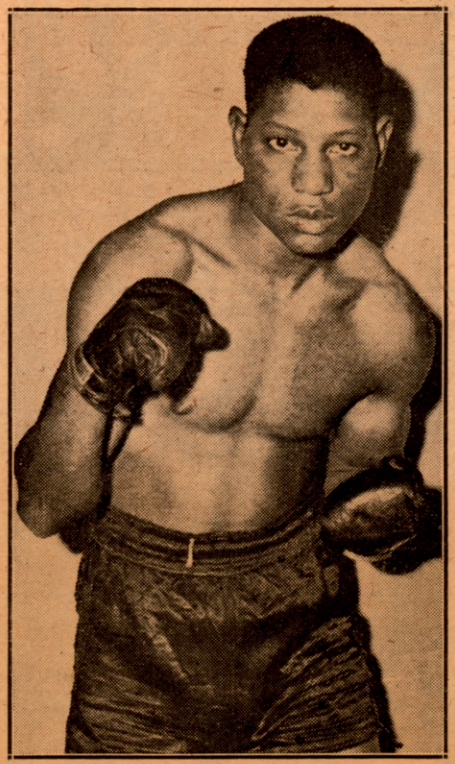
JOCK LESLIE

SOME experts say that Jock Leslie looks like the old-time bantamweight champ, Kid Williams—and fights like the famed former Norwegian bantam champion, Pete Sanstol. Others assert that Leslie resembles Sanstol but fights on the style of the "Blond Tiger" from Baltimore. Be that as it may, Jock is a tough and aggressive youngster who tears into opponents, pummeling them from bell to bell. As the boy plainly puts it: "I'm just me—myself, Jock Leslie; and when I'm in the ring—I just fight."

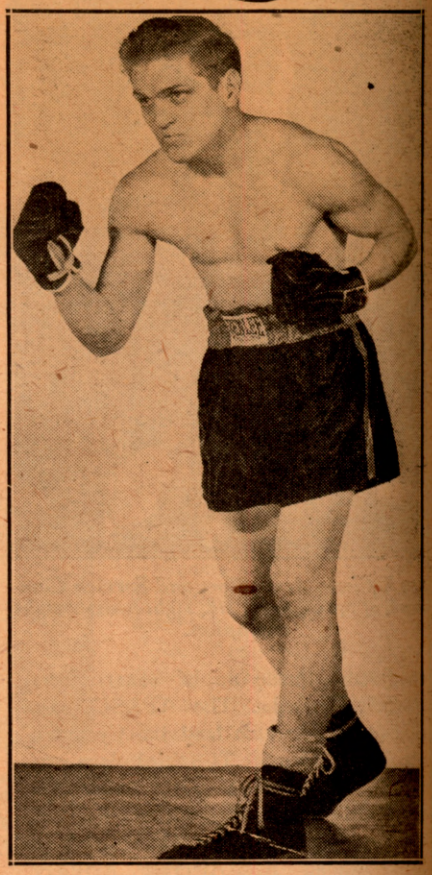
And fight is what the tow-headed kid does. He rips into his foes without a let-up. In close, he is a fighting demon.

Born in Standish, Mich., on June 6, 1923, Jock was introduced to the manly art of self-defense by a former boxer, Mel Tipton, who lived next door, while Leslie was still attending grammar school. "But I didn't have any patience to learn the scientific side of boxing. I like to mix it!"

Leslie played football while attending high school. He also boxed in the amateurs—winning 61 out of 68 contests. He won the novice flyweight and "open" bantamweight



Oscar Goode, New Jersey lightweight who is making headway.



Jock Leslie, featherweight from Flint, Michigan.

city and state titles. At the same time he was employed at the Buick Motor Co., at Flint, Mich., assembling 90 mm. anti-aircraft guns. That was in 1941.

Leslie turned pro a year later and after scoring five victories, he quit the ring to join the Merchant Marine. Six months later, having sailed around the various ports in South America, he met Lester Krell in Detroit, where he boxed Juste Fontaine on the Sammy Angott-Joe Peralta card, and Jock placed himself under Krell's management.

Since that time, Jock has boxed 12 times, winning nine of his bouts. He has beaten Bobby Henry, Don McLean, Jerry Darby, Henry Pratt. He won his last five contests by kayoes. His latest victories were over Jose Torres, 8, and the kayo of Al Storza.

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OSCAR GOODE

IT is, of course, mere coincidence that Oscar's family name should so accurately describe the sort of fighter he is. Because Oscar certainly is good. He has a good character, good manners, and what more important—pugilistically—he has two good fists, and know how to use them. Proof of that is what Oscar has accomplished in the ring since embarking on a career of professional fisticuffing 14 months ago.

Within that short space of time Goode, under that management of Tom Gardner, has engaged in 26 contests and has dropped only four close decisions. Three were preliminaries when he first turned pro, and

Rudy Giscombe, a welterweight who hails from New York.

later an exciting eight-rounder to the seasoned Herbie Katz. The Brownsville battler said after that fight: "Oscar Goode, when he gets more ring experience, is going to be a top-flight battler—which shouldn't take him long. He's tough and strong, takes a good punch and carries a hefty wallop."

Born in Newark, N. J., on June 22, 1921, Oscar finished grammar school and took a job running an elevator. He quit after six months to become a sparring partner to several of his boxer friends— Benny Williams, Buddy Farrell and Larry Lane. The former elevator jockey got plenty of fistic experience sparring with that trio of ring luminaries and decided to try his hand at the game.

Goode entered an amateur tourney and won. But four contests is all he had as a simon-pure, winning them all. He was, at that time, working in a defense plant. It took a little persuasion on Oscar's part to have Tom Garner turn him loose in the professional field.

"The pro fighters are too tough for you at this time," reasoned the manager, but finally capitulated—and is not the least bit sorry for Oscar Goode made good.

He has beaten "Tiger" Lou Jones (twice), Teddy Randolph, Al Smith, Danny Aldridge (three times; two by decision, one by a kayo), and knocked out Tommy Campanella in one round. At least ten of his bouts were main events, and against men thoroughly schooled in the art of fisticuffing —all of which makes Oscar Goode even better.

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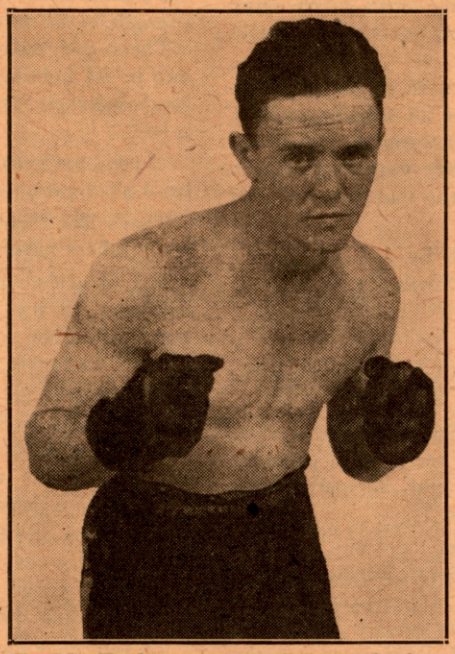
RUDY GISCOMBE

EVERY once in a while Fate comes to the aid of an ambitious young fighter and pulls him out of obscurity. With Rudy Giscombe it was just his boxing skill —with an opportunity of displaying it. The clever and hard-punching Negro got his chance to demonstrate his fistic art and punching prowess at the Grotto Auditorium in New Jersey on April 4, when he crossed mitts with the clever Steve Riggio. Steve at the time was undefeated in 17 straight contests, and Rudy stopped him in three rounds.

"It was no fluke kayo," asserts Rudy. "I felt certain I could do it. And I did it. If necessary, I'll do it again."

The fight was a tough one, with Riggio, who twice defeated tough Rocky Graziano in Madison Square Garden and beat many other good pugs, boxing cleverly. But the Negro lad was sharp and more than held his own while watching for the opening that was to spell doom for his rival. When he saw his chance, Rudy piled into Riggio, battering him into a helpless state. The referee was forced to halt the contest and award it to Giscombe on a technical knockout.

Aside from being a fast and clever boxer, Rudy is also a good puncher. He flattened Phil Enzenga in one heat—something Al Davis failed to accomplish in eight rounds. Giscombe also kayoed Johnny Caruso, Jimmy Anest, Ted DeGiamo (the New Jersey Knockout King), and also stiffened Joe Shiro. Rudy, who nearly always draws capacity houses in New Jersey because his lethal punch and skillful boxing delights the fans, has beaten Mickey Makar, Sammy Asmo, Benny Williams and has held his own with Perry Lowe, Joey Haddad and middleweight Buddy Farrell.



Freddy Taylor, a young lightweight from San Francisco, managed by Rudy Rosenberg who trained Richie Lemos and started Glen Lee on the road to success. Freddy as an amateur had 48 bouts of which he won 32 by knockouts, and 12 decisions. He lost only four. He is a slugger. As a pro he has had 12 bouts and lost only one, a disputed decision to Sailor Born in Oakland.

Born in New York City on December 10, 1921, Rudy started boxing at the age of 12. He displayed his fistic talent at church affairs and benefits. Later he took part in Police Athletic League boxing tournaments.

He graduated from Vocational High School, where he took up radio. Instead of working at it, Giscombe embarked on a fistic career. He entered the amateurs in 1938 and took part in about a hundred contests, losing but few of them.

Since turning pro in 1942, under the guidance of Johnny Burrell and Adrian DeCosta, the game and hard-fighting young Negro has participated in 20 ring engagements. His jab comes fast—and with jarring force. His right if landed properly, spells curtains for his foe.

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JOHNNY "BO" HARRIS

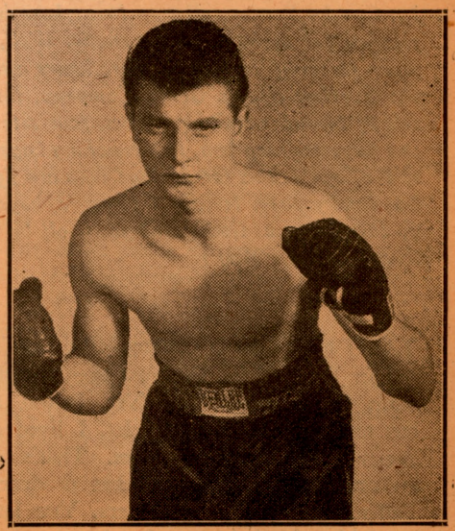
COMING from the East Side, a section of New York which has produced many immortals of the prize ring, Johnny "Bo" Harris seems well on his way to making a name for himself as a pugilist. Great physical courage and the driving determination to become a success are not the only assets the good-looking youngster has. Johnny is possessed of a knockout punch and the ambition to learn the finer points of the fistic sport. In that department, George "Chick" Ferrera, his trainer, is doing a splendid job.

Born on December 16, 1925, Johnny "Bo" Harris quit Seward High School in the fifth term and went to work as a truck driver's helper for the Alberti Baking Co., of which his manager, Andy Alberti, is superintendent. But the boy wanted to be a fighter, so Andy, who loves the fighting game, decided to be Johnny's manager.

Despite the lack of amateur experience, Harris prevailed upon Alberti to put him in competition with professional fighters. "The kid was so eager and so confident that I agreed—much against my better judgment, however. But the kid fooled me. He came through. He fought a draw with Rocky Progano, a tough hard-punching featherweight. Then I knew that Johnny had the stuff."

That was in June, 1943. Since then, "Bo" has been doing quite well, showing improvement with each contest. He's a straight, standing-up style fighter. He moves around his foe well and jabs with accuracy.

Harris had won 16 bouts—half of them by the kayo route—before Uncle Sam called him. Six months after being medically discharged from the Army, he resumed his fistic career and is doing pretty well for himself. A full-fledged lightweight now, Johnny is stronger and is punching harder. There seems to be little doubt, judged by the way he's been showing, that he is on his way to becoming a star bout performer.



Johnny "Bo" Harris, recently discharged from the army. He is a lightweight.

LETTERS *from* *Our* READERS

I HAVE been reading your magazine for years. In the February issue of THE RING, there is a picture of General Eisenhower, titled, "Fighter of the Year."

I agree that General Eisenhower is a great officer and leader, and I am proud to have served under his command, but to me "Fighter of the Year" should have been just plain "G.I. Joe"—that dirty-faced, long-bearded, tireless doughboy on the front line, the man who has weathered it through rain, snow, sunshine and cold, the man who has ducked a thousand K.O. punches but has seen his buddies not get a chance to duck; the man who just grits his teeth and curses when the going gets tough.

I have seen thousands of these "G.I. Joes," and they are all champs because they have all been through the test which separates the men from the boys. This, Nat, is my choice for "The Fighter of the Year."

TEDDIE, U. S. ARMY,
Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

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WE are stationed somewhere in New Guinea. We stage boxing shows every Saturday, rain or shine. A few of our boatswain's mates have built a boxing ring with much scrap wood and rope. If you could see the finishing touches you would think they were experts at ring making.

Once again, may I add that we urgently need equipment. Anything donated will be greatly appreciated by all servicemen here.

On different occasions we will take photographs of different bouts. Would it be asking too much if they were reprinted in THE RING Magazine with the list of results that we send, and copies sent to us?

STEVE BELLOISE, SP. 1/C (A),
Somewhere in South Pacific.

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AND from Steve's commander, in the same mail, came the following note:

This is just a note to let you know that Steve Belloise is doing a grand job here assisting our athletic and recreational program. If you can possibly send us some athletic gear, no matter what you can ship, please do so and send it to me.

LT. COMDR. V. W. RETTING,
Base Recreation Officer, South Pacific Area.

(And following the receipt of these came another letter from my dear friend, Lt. Joe Vaccarelli of the U. S. Marines, a native of my home burg, Mount Vernon, N. Y. Joe, like Steve and Lt. Comdr. Retting, all at a Navy base in the Southwest Pacific, pleaded for athletic paraphernalia. Well, they didn't have to do much pleading, for within three hours after the messages arrived, the Everlast Sports Goods Company, through me, shipped four sets of 14-ounce training gloves, four sets of punching bag gloves, one large training bag, two punching bags and four skipping ropes to the boys in this far-off land who are fighting our battle against the sneaky Japs. It was a pleasure, boys, to be in a position to do this for you. God grant you'll all be back in good health ere long.—Editor's Note)

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I GOT a kick out of reading Mike Egan's piece in "Letters From Our Readers" as I've just been transferred to the very same outfit he mentions. Yes, Nat, I, too, am a New York City boy and miss it an awful lot. I lived on 76th Street between Second and Third Avenues. That's over in the Yorkville section. That neighborhood has produced Young Otto, Charlie Badami and a host of others. You know, Nat, that our beloved New York has produced more champions and topnotchers than any other state in the Union. Among them are Gene Tunney, Paul Berlenbach, Bob Olin, Maxie Rosenbloom, Ben Jeby, Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee.

There just isn't another place like New York. Now that I'm away and have seen other cities, I appreciate New York more than ever. I know now why it's called the "Wonder City."

PVT. RICHARD MUZIO,
Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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FOR twenty-two years I have been in receipt of THE RING and I have come to look upon Nat Fleischer not as the Editor of the world's greatest sports magazine, but as a friend, one who has genuinely given the best years of his life for the entertainment of his fellow men. Letters from readers all give ample proof of the many kind acts performed by Nat Fleischer.

"Fifteen minutes after your letter reached me, a load of magazines were on their way to the post office for shipment to your brother."

"Some months ago my mother wrote to you—you were extremely kind."

"I have not been very well, my health is not what it should be, but I shall carry on for 'my boys' as long as God grants me the strength."

These and many other extracts from letters received from men in the fighting services and their dear women folk at home, speak volumes for the high regard in which THE RING Editor is held.

"I have not been very well, my health is not what it should be, but I shall carry on for 'my boys.'"

That's Nat Fleischer speaking, and it's the Nat Fleischer I and many others have come to know and love.

Nat, it grieves me to know that you are not feeling yourself and with all my heart I pray that you may straightaway be restored to your normal health and that you may be spared many years to carry on your good work.

I often think of THE RING's slogan: "It is entertaining and it is clean," and as a reader of twenty-two years' standing I say without any doubt that it is the cleanest, straightest magazine it has been my lot to read. The slogan reflects the character of the man who publishes THE RING.

Like the grand boys who fight the Germans and the Japs, the Nat Fleischer articles have always been fearless and honest. We owe you a great debt, Nat—all the sporting world does. God grant that that debt will be paid in full measure.

To you, your daughter, and her lieutenant husband, I send my very kindest regards and trust that before very long, all will be united again and that peace and victory will see my dear friend once again in perfect health.

This war will be over before long, Nat, and then it is my one wish to visit your great country and meet the man who, in my day, has done more for the sport of boxing than any other individual. And in these days of war, you have made thousands of boys of the English speaking nations, fighting in the desert and in the jungle, on the sea and in the air, happier because of your earnest efforts to get your grand magazine to them no matter where they may be.

Those boys have had a hard job. They started off from scratch and the other fellow had all the advantage. With their backs to the wall, they hung on grimly—fighting against odds as only they can fight.

It's the Japs' turn now, and with his back to the wall, he faces the toughest combination on earth. It will soon be over now and these grand lads, the youth of your country and ours, will be marching on to the playing fields from which they came, heroes, all of them.

R. A. CUMES,
Queensland, Australia.

I ENJOYED my copy of *Terry McGovern* very much and have filed it away with my boxing collection.

I have reason to remember Terry very well because I fought him in a four-round bout at St. Paul in 1903. He came to St. Paul in a turkey melodrama entitled "For Fame and Fortune," one of the late Sam Harris' first stage productions.

The highlight of the show was McGovern's fight with Pedlar Palmer. The show failed to draw, so Theodore Hays, manager of the Grand Theater in St. Paul, conceived the idea of having me box a four-round exhibition with McGovern the night before it closed its St. Paul engagement.

Understand, Nat, prize fighting was illegal in Minnesota at the time, the law providing for a year's imprisonment, a fine of $1,000, or both for anyone associated in any manner with a professional boxing bout. By advertising the event as a "sparring exhibition," Hays got around the law.

What was billed as an exhibition turned out to be a hell of a fight because you know McGovern, with his temper, wasn't messing around with local boxers. He tried to knock my brains out as soon as the bout got under way, consequently I had to fight for my life. Believe it or not, Nat, I went the four rounds and St. Paul sports writers were kind enough to say I had the better of it.

I came out of the brawl with a cut in my upper lip that necessitated three stitches, plus a broken front tooth.

For this, Nat, I received the large sum of $50. After the showing I made I feel confident that had this happened twenty-five years later, some smart manager would have taken me in tow and built up a return fight with McGovern in New York and I would have cashed in handsomely on it.

I boxed professionally from 1901 to 1908, fighting among others, Maurice Rauch and Tommy Thomas of Chicago. From 1903 until 1908 I fought on the side while working in the sports department of the Minneapolis *Daily News*. Also taught boxing at night in a St. Paul gymnasium where I turned out two famous pupils—Mike Gibbons and Henry Hoppe, who fought for years around Milwaukee under the name of "Young Jack Redmond." Also had another pupil who later gained fame in the movies—"Richard Dix," whose right name is Ernie Brimmer, a St. Paul boy.

I boxed nightly with Joe Gans, Battling Nelson and Frankie Neil at various times when they came to St. Paul and Minneapolis as added attractions with burlesque shows. If you know I. H. (Izzy) Herk of New York, still associated with burlesque, he will tell you about it.

GEORGE A. BARTON,
Star Journal and Tribune, Sports Editor.

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I READ your book—*Terry McGovern*—a dandy book. But on page 31, you say as most everybody else does, that Tom O'Rourke developed two world's champions. Tom did not make Joe Walcott champion. It was Bill Pierce who did it.

At that time he and Jack Sheehan were the editors of the *Police News* in Boston and it was I who showed Joe how to fight the Canadian clean break rules. Walcott and Pierce stopped at my place.

Walcott just kept Ferris away from him and punched straight as I told him to do. The slightest infraction of the rules was not going to be overlooked as I figured before the fight. Nothing crooked, but Walcott had to tend strictly to business and believe me, I made him do so.

Billy Pierce got Joe away from O'Rourke just a short time before the fight and O'Rourke got him back not long after the fight. I've got quite a lot of clippings about that fight and for winning the world welterweight championship, Walcott got about $1,000. We kept Walcott pretty well under cover and nobody saw him that I didn't want to see him.

Billy Pierce has been dead a good many years and Jack Sheehan died almost fifteen years ago. It was Billy Pierce who brought George Gardiner here to Fort Erie to fight Jack Root on July 4, 1903. An Irishman fighting a Bohemian in a British Possession on America's Independence Day and I was there with Billy but not as active as I was with Walcott.

JOHNNY ROGERS,
Buffalo Sportsman.

(Thanks a lot, Johnny, I knew that you had played a big part in boxing in the good old days, but wasn't aware of your part in the Walcott matter and am pleased to be able to publish this letter.—*Editor's Note)*

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I READ with much interest the recent article concerning yourself in *Time*, November 22, 1943. Because at present I'm an athletic and morale officer in the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific, and we are having a tremendous boom in boxing, I would like very much to have two of your books mentioned in the article. They are: (a) "All-Time RING Record Book" and (b) "How to Box and Training for Boxers."

Sir, I know you find this odd for me to be writing directly to you concerning the trivial matter of obtaining a couple of books. However, I primarily had in mind to pass on to you the wonderful success and response we have had with our All-Service Southwest Pacific boxing tournament.

There were some fine boys in this tournament. Lots of them have had quite a bit of experience (A.A.U., Golden Gloves and professional). Mr. Fleischer, I certainly wish you had been here to see the Pacific Southwest champs in twelve classes.

While there is a war going on and we are fighting a mighty tough enemy, we don't neglect our athletic program. Whenever possible the men get a chance to participate in the sport they like most. Since I've been in this area—nineteen months—boxing has been the most popular and it has had more participants than any other sport. Surely that statement will interest you.

MAJOR ERNEST H. GOULD, U.S.M.C.,
Somewhere in Southwest Pacific.

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I WANT to express my deep appreciation for THE RING Magazines which are being sent me each month through the subscription which I believe was made possible for me by my friend, Chalky Wright. I must say I know of nothing more on time, to the date, than THE RING, and the "mag" has been a "god-send" to us. There are a lot of good boys around here, and naturally there are always "beefs" about different fights and fighters. So I am the official "beef settler" in my outfit when it comes to fighters, as I was a fighter some years ago.

Have Chalky and some of the other boys write to me, as it will help a lot in these parts. Tell them it is like having them in my corner at the greatest fight in my life.

I must say that you and your "mag" are doing a great job back there in keeping up the morale. More power to you, and I am hoping with the other guys to feint these guys (Japs) to an opening to slam across that "K.O. punch."

JOHNNY (K.O.) SNOWDEN,
Somewhere in South Pacific.

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MY shipmates and I thank you for everything you do for us boys in the service. Keep punching and don't forget that we are behind you.

We all appreciate THE RING books my mom sends me every month. THE RING really sees the rounds in this outfit of Seabees. I mean it, Nat.

I have fought 17 bouts here in Camp Peary and won 15 and got a draw and lost one bout. I boxed in Boston under the name of Jimmy Falkan and John Thomas, so my folks would never hear of it. You see they don't like me to take the sport seriously, but I can't help it. I just love to box. I weigh 147 pounds and am 5 feet 10 inches tall.

JAMES GEORKOS, S/c 3/c,
Camp Peary, Va.

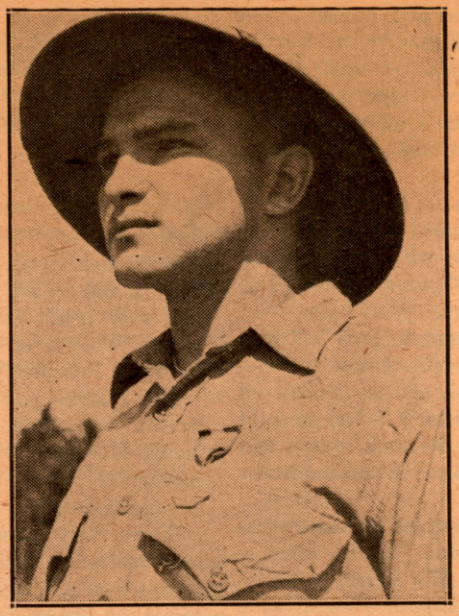
With *the* Fighting Marines

FROM Sgt. Peter Parone, Jr., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, somewhere in the South Pacific, comes the following: Machine gunner and lightweight boxing champion of his regiment Marine Private First Class George H. Doin, 23, Troy, N. Y., recently proved himself a hero through action which saved the lives of five men and today brought him the Navy and Marine Corps medal. Major General Allen H. Gurnage pinned the award on Doin's blouse as hundreds of fellow Marines passed in review.

Doin was aboard ship bound for the American beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville when the vessel was torpedoed. He dived overboard and made his way 75 yards through blazing oil to a life raft outside the ring of fire. Continued cries for help drove him from the raft into the water where he observed a foundering Marine.

"I thought for sure I was a goner," Doin said, recalling that the Marine seized him about the neck several times and pulled him under the water. Doin got the man safely to the raft. Sometime later, Doin again dived into the water, found a wounded man whom he put on a mattress floating nearby. Then he towed the mattress to the raft. Doin hauled four more men aboard the raft. One died before the little group was finally picked up by a destroyer.

Doin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doin of 858 3rd Avenue, Troy, with whom his wife, Betty, resides, joined the Marine Corps September 14, 1942. He was well known as an amateur lightweight boxer in upper New York State, having appeared in Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga Lake, and other spots. Several months ago, he won both regimental and divisional lightweight titles in elimination bouts on this island.



Marine Pvt. First Class George H. Doin, Troy boxer, who has been decorated with Marine Corps Medal for bravery in South Pacific.

After his rescue from the sea, he and the survivors of the ship fought on Hill 1000 and on Hill 600A on Bougainville. He came through unhurt and was recently returned to a South Pacific base for a rest.

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FROM Somewhere in the South Pacific, Sgt. Edward F. Ruder, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, writes:

Private First Class Peter (Pete) Santoro, Norwood, Mass., former heavyweight boxer, splashed ashore in the assault wave on Namur, Marshall Islands. Most every story that came back from the front lines, somehow had "Pete's" name linked to it. He was the most shot-at-and-missed Marine on the island. But Santoro didn't quit with the last Japanese. It was after the battle that "Pete" really began to fight.

He got together a boxing team. "Pete" was chosen as trainer. Since then he has taken his Marine buddies under his boxing wing. Though he isn't a youngster in the game anymore, "Pete" sets the pace in the training. He skips a rope. He shadow-boxes. He spars. Even road work isn't too tough for "Pete".

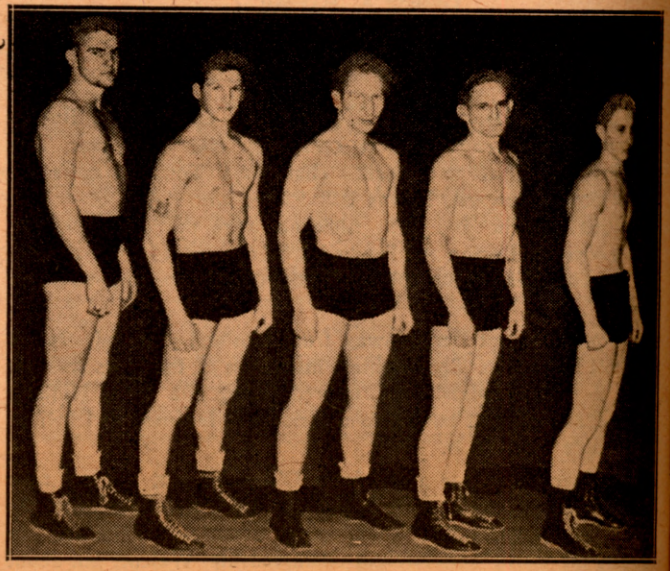
He will pack a machine gun or a pair of 16-ounce gloves. Either is all right by him, just as long as it's fighting.

ALASKA SERVICEMEN'S BOUTS

"Red" Rasmussen (left) and Hank Majcher, who drew in title bout in Alaska. Harry Kelly is the referee.

By
LEE L. GARLING
Lieutenant (jg)
USCGR

FOR you, who are interested in the manly sport of self-defense, let it be known that Alaskan servicemen are not permitting the war to stop them from boxing competitively. Recently, one of the keenest brawls ever witnessed in Alaska was staged in Juneau. This prize fight was between the Army and the Coast Guard. Both contestants, who are welterweights, battled it out for ten rounds to a draw. Hank Majcher, the Army contestant, is a professional fighter from Fritzie Zivic's stable. Harold J. "Red" Rasmussen, who is a B.M.2c. in the Coast Guard, is also a pro and hails from Sacramento, California. He's a pretty good fighter. These Coast Guard "nose pushers" have whipped every team they've met, which includes both Army and Navy squads from Alaska and Canada.



Alaska's Coast Guard boxing team, stationed at Ketchikan. Left to right—George Smith, light-heavy; "Slats" Marshall, middle; "Red" Rasmussen, welter; Erwin Cape, lightweight and "Lil" Joe Camello, featherweight.

Stories About Marines

Written for THE RING *by Combat Correspondents of the U.S.M.C.*

THE Marines, probably more so than the men in any other branch of the armed forces, love fighting. Whether on land or sea, with gloves, rifle, hand grenade or bayonet, you can always depend on these fighting Leathernecks to give a good account of themselves. When it comes to boxing, they can hold their own in ring combat with the men in any other branch of the service. Many stories have been published about the boxing activities of the Marines because of the human interest attached to them. On this page are several written by sports writers who prior to the Pearl Harbor attack were knocking out yarns for the dailies in our big cities but, today, are combat correspondents in the Marine Corps.

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THIS story and the one following were written by Technical Sergeant Billy Goodrich, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formerly a Brooklyn *Eagle* sports writer and in Mike Jacobs' publicity department.

At Sea—Boxing comes easy to Seaman Second Class John S. Izzo, a 160-pounder, of New Castle, Pa., but—where he developed the TNT in his left hooks and right crosses he doesn't know. All he knows is that it's in his hands.

Only 18 years of age, Seaman Izzo, who lives in New Castle, Pa., is one of three brothers in the Navy and, I believe, one of the hardest hitting middleweights to come along since Mickey Walker.

We watched Izzo during a well-rounded boxing tournament in which talent was plentiful aboard a transport bound for a base in the South Pacific, and never in our days of covering sports in recent years have we seen a middleweight carry as much destruction in two hands.

In three championship fights aboard ship, Izzo registered two knockouts and won a third by a technical knockout with 14-ounce gloves.

Seaman Izzo, who won the middleweight title with a 30-second knockout in the opening round, never fought in the ring until he entered the Navy last January. His first experience with the gloves was at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Chicago, where he scored many knockouts.

He gained his knowledge of boxing by watching the professionals and by training himself in the Y.M.C.A. and Jefferson A. C. gymnasiums back home.

Seaman Izzo would like to enter the ring after the war is won, but he has one fear.

"I like to box, but I am afraid to use my hands too much," he said. "I really don't want to hurt anybody."

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HE is as meek as a lamb—as light on his feet as a ballet dancer—but he weighs 220 pounds.

He is Marine Staff Sergeant West (Wildcat) Matthews, of Route 1, Pinson, Ala., whom Captain Dick Fishell, of New York City, a member of Lieutenant Colonel Dick Hanley's Marine combat conditioning staff, believes is the postwar white heavyweight hope.

"He's a crusher when aroused," said Captain Fishell, former Syracuse University and Brooklyn Dodgers footballer. "He has speed, a good sense of timing, and I know he can hit, because I saw him flatten a few men in 'for fun' bouts. In his first professional fight in Los Angeles, he chased his opponent (who had 32 professional contests under his belt) all over the ring for four rounds."

Staff Sergeant Matthews, 23, who boxed two years in Golden Gloves championships in Alabama, and on the Navy Pier team in Chicago, Ill., was an end on the Alabama freshman team before enlisting in the Marine Corps. In a boxing tourney aboard a transport carrying him to a base in the Pacific, he has won two contests, the first by a technical knockout in the first round.

Captain Fishell thought so much of Matthews' abilities as an instructor that, when he was transferred overseas, he prevailed upon his commanding officer at the Santa Barbara Marine Aviation Training Base to allow him to take Matthews along as an assistant.

Staff Sergeant Matthews will help in the instruction of judo, knife and rifle disarming, and scores of other surprises Captain Fishell hopes will prove fatal to the Japs.

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THE following was written by Staff Sergeant Hy Hurwitz of Massachusetts, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formerly a Boston *Globe* sports writer, from Somewhere in the Pacific. Marine boxers took two out of three bouts from Army mittmen on a special fight program here. Marine Private First Class Froman Barrett of Ada, Okla., knocked out Army Private Gilbert Atha of Portland, Ind., with one solid, right-hand punch midway in the second round of a scheduled three rounder.

The two services had split even in the first two bouts. Barrett, welterweight champion of the Second Marine Division, was trailing Atha on points when he planted a short, right cross that caught the incoming Army 146-pounder flush in the face. Atha spun halfway around from the force of the blow, and then dropped face first onto the canvas for the full count.

Opening the inter-service competition were Private James Smith, U.S.A., of 100 Coat Street, New Orleans, La., 144 pounds, and Marine Private First Class Rudy Salazar of 110 West Sherman St., Calexico, Cal. Salazar was outpointing Smith when he received a bad cut over his left eye. Marine Warrant Officer Don Kirkman, of Box 139, Reedley, California, referee, stopped the bout. Smith was awarded a technical knockout decision.

Private First Class Henry Leslie, U.S.M.C., formerly of 1255 Christianson Avenue, Chicago, Ill., scored an easy, three-round decision over Army Private LeRoy Gresham of 1410 W. Calhoun St., Decatur, Ill. Leslie, a former professional sparring partner, scored three knockdowns.

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THE following story was written by Marine Private Jack Welsh, of Louisville, Kentucky. At Sea from Somewhere in the South Pacific: The Marines must still have their boxing—even on shipboard.

The fighting Leathernecks en route to a South Pacific base weren't content to wait until they had reached a combat zone. They had to start fighting right away—but with boxing gloves, of course.

Since recreation aboard ship is rather limited, several sports-minded Lieutenants put their heads together, and, with the aid of the chaplain, succeeded in giving the Marines some slam-bang amateur boxing shows.

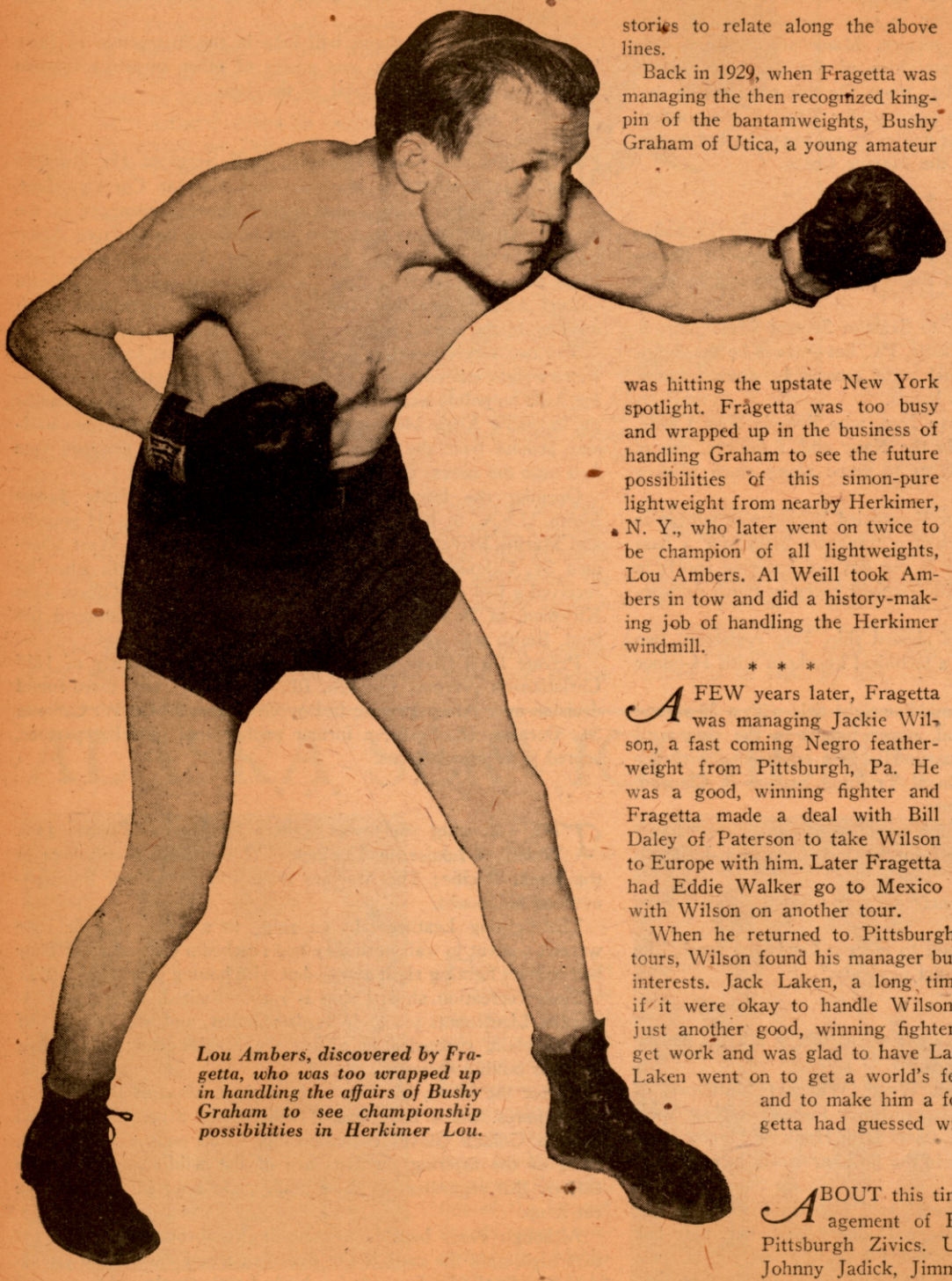
As for the talent, it's of a wide variety. Most of the lads are simon-pures. Some have that "Thoity-thoid Street" accent and boast a Golden Gloves championship, while on the other hand, some of the aspiring pugilists are of the wild-swinging novice caliber. But regardless of their ability, the boys in the audience eat it up.

Although every bout is a spine-tingler throughout, the event that highlights the card is the five man free-for-all. This attraction, usually the finale, sends five burly Leathernecks out to commit ultimate mayhem, as the lads are blindfolded, and have their left hands tied down to their waists. The participants are placed in the four respective corners, with one man going to the center of the ring. When the bell clangs the men charge their unseen foe, and—bloop—the rumpus starts. To select the winner, the judges eliminate a man when he collides with the canvas. To the man remaining on his feet at the bell, the judges award a carton of cigarettes.

FORTUNE TOSSED ASIDE

Dewey Fragetta, Now a Lieutenant in the Army, Gave Up Many Stars Who Later Became World Champions or Contenders

By HARVEY BRIGHT



Lou Ambers, discovered by Fragetta, who was too wrapped up in handling the affairs of Bushy Graham to see championship possibilities in Herkimer Lou.

ONE often reads of movie directors who have guessed wrongly on future stars. Seldom does one read of boxing managers who have passed up champions or money-making contenders, although there have been stories of managers who had the opportunity to handle the affairs of fighters who later became famous, but tossed them aside.

Dewey Fragetta, former New York boxing manager and promoter, who managed boxers by the score, has several interesting stories to relate along the above lines.

Back in 1929, when Fragetta was managing the then recognized kingpin of the bantamweights, Bushy Graham of Utica, a young amateur was hitting the upstate New York spotlight. Fragetta was too busy and wrapped up in the business of handling Graham to see the future possibilities of this simon-pure lightweight from nearby Herkimer, N. Y., who later went on twice to be champion of all lightweights, Lou Ambers. Al Weill took Ambers in tow and did a history-making job of handling the Herkimer windmill.

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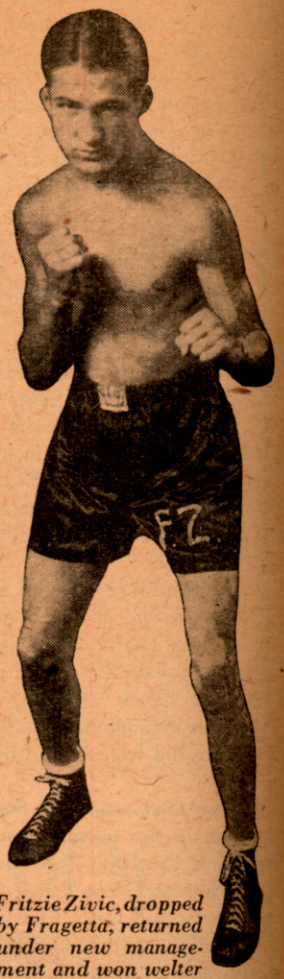
A FEW years later, Fragetta was managing Jackie Wilson, a fast coming Negro featherweight from Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a good, winning fighter and Fragetta made a deal with Bill Daley of Paterson to take Wilson to Europe with him. Later Fragetta had Eddie Walker go to Mexico with Wilson on another tour.



Fritzie Zivic, dropped by Fragetta, returned under new management and won welter crown.

When he returned to Pittsburgh from his extensive foreign tours, Wilson found his manager busy with his expanding boxing interests. Jack Laken, a long time friend of Fragetta, asked if it were okay to handle Wilson. Dewey figured Jackie was just another good, winning fighter who would find it hard to get work and was glad to have Laken take over the reins. Jack Laken went on to get a world's featherweight title for Wilson and to make him a fortune in boxing. Again Fragetta had guessed wrong.

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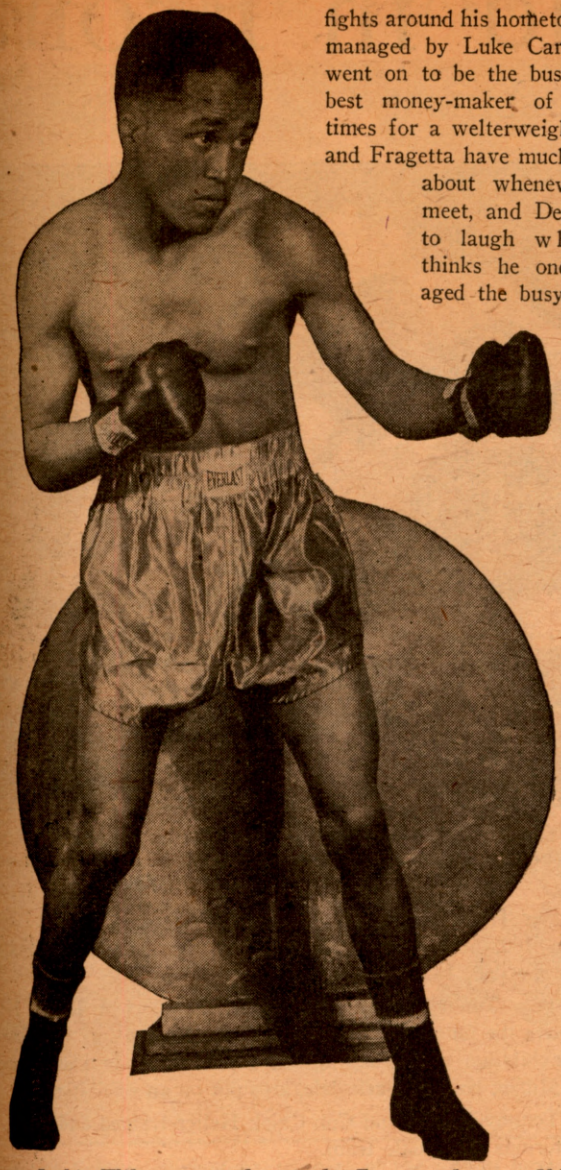
ABOUT this time, Dewey assumed the management of Fritzie Zivic of the fighting Pittsburgh Zivics. Under Fragetta, Zivic boxed Johnny Jadick, Jimmy Leto, K. O. Castillo and several others, always making good fights but dropping close decisions. Fragetta then matched Zivic against Lou Ambers for Al Weill in Ebbetts Field, Brooklyn, but the match fell through when it rained on the day of the contest and the bout was cancelled.

Zivic decided to return to his peanut business and tailor interest in Pittsburgh and make certain of his future living as he had a family to support.

A few months later Zivic returned to the ring, boxed a few



Jackie Wilson, turned away by Fragetta, became N.B.A. feather king under management of Jack Laken.

fights around his hometown, was managed by Luke Carney and went on to be the busiest and best money-maker of modern times for a welterweight. Zivic and Fragetta have much to talk about whenever they meet, and Dewey has to laugh when he thinks he once managed the busy Fritzie and failed to follow his interest when Zivic climbed to fistic heights.

FOUR years ago, when Fragetta was managing thirty active fighters and supplied boxing talent to a dozen or more clubs around the country, a friend from Rochester, N. Y., Sam Cariola, sold him the idea of handling a club fighting Canadian featherweight, Jackie Callura of Toronto. Dewey placed him in the St. Nicholas Arena in New York against Maxie Shapiro for his Metropolitan debut. Maxie won the fight, but it was a far from interesting one to watch and Callura's first appearance was a flop.

Later Jackie was booked against Lou Salica in Rochester and grabbed a draw with the then bantam king. However, Fragetta wasn't too keen on Callura and suggested to Leo Bradley, a frequent visitor to his New York office, that he take Callura in tow and hustle some bouts for him.

Bradley, who was doing nothing at the time, took Jackie over and wound up guiding Callura to two title wins over another former Fragetta fighter, Jackie Wilson. Callura has gleaned a fortune in the ring and only recently announced his retirement. Bradley also did O.K. for himself on this gift.

Before he enlisted, Fragetta was hustling such well known boxing figures as Benny Leonard, Mickey Walker and Tony Canzoneri as guest referees; Buddy Knox, Lee Q. Murray, Pete De Ruzza, Yucatan Kid, Joe Marinelli, Larry Bolvin, Tony Reno, Joe O'Gatty, Johnny Flynn, Pete Galiano, Lou Transparenti, Slugger White and many, many others whose names are familiar to boxing fans.

He also promoted opera and concerts, but one of his most novel exploits was donkey baseball, a variety of the national pastime played astride the large-eared beasts. He took in 50 smackeroos a day for arranging to have the game played at various spots.

In 1941 Dewey established the record of promoting 207 fights in 52 weeks. Among them were the Buddy Knox-Billy Conn bout in Pittsburgh, which brought in $78,000 and the Henry Armstrong-Paul Junior fracas in the Boston Garden, which netted a mere 50 G's.

There is scarcely a city in any part of the country which can boast of a boxing club, that Dewey hasn't visited with his fighters or hasn't helped arrange the shows by booking talent in which he had an interest. Prior to the war he was known as the hustling manager. Whenever a promoter found himself in a tight spot, Fragetta was the man behind the guns who could save the day.

Today Lieutenant Dewey Fragetta is doing just as swell a job for Uncle Sam in the Quartermaster's Division as he did when handling the mitt slingers. When the war is over he hopes to start all over again in the field in which he made such headway. There'll be a number of service men eager to join the Fragetta colors once our enemies are conquered.

Boxing Champs Crowned

(Continued from page 23)

and should go a long way when he turns professional.

The main event saw Lou E. Clark, Schofield Post's heavyweight champion, again defeat hard-hitting battle-scarred Russell Schaeffer for the CPA crown. Clark, a Negro soldier, was voted the best performer of the tourney, having knocked out all contestants except Schaeffer, who had also piled up a kayo string into the finals. Clark is turning professional and the Negro clouter is expected to go a long way in the Honolulu fistic parade under promotion of Leo Leavitt of the Civic Auditorium.

Sal Spataro collected a second round T.K.O. win over Schofield's featherweight champion, Joe Amescua, when Amescua hurt his hand and asked to have the fight stopped. Spataro was ahead on points at the end, having fought a slambang battle from the opening bell.

Mel Simmons grabbed the junior lightweight diadem by proving to be a more experienced fighter than Robert Studaven.

Wallie Tuggle, Negro lightweight from the 7th AAF, decisioned Robert Wright to take the CPA crown, using a first and last round points advantage. Wright was cut under the left eye in the final frame and gave up considerable claret.

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LLOYD GRANT proved to be the biggest surprise of the CPA tourney when he fought a series of uphill battles to take the middleweight crown over Roy Phillips. Grant came into the tourney in splendid condition and his rugged, two-fisted attack, pressed home every second of every round, swept his opponents ahead of him.

Lowell Strong, with a reach advantage, dropped willing Steve Redica twice in the second round to overcome a points advantage from the first round. Throughout the remainder of the fight, the giant Negro fighter poured it on but was unable to plant Redica. Strong, besides winning the CPA heavyweight title this year, copped the Hawaiian Engineer Group heavyweight crown and the Schofield Barracks Post diadem.

In the CPA welterweight title scrap Al Garcia came home the winner by a narrow margin over red-headed Bill Dillon. Dillon was down for a no-count in the first and that round lost him the fight since all other frames were scored as even.

The big tourney was officiated by licensed officials from the Territory of Hawaii Boxing Commission—Allan Dodd, Bob Sawtelle, Walter Cho, Willie Whittle and Tommy Miles.

The tournament was under the direction of Central Pacific Area Special Service Officer Col. Vachel Whately. Matchmakers were Capt. Ainsely Mahikoa, CPA athletic officer, and Lt. Harry Collins, Schofield's athletic director, with S/Sgt. H. S. Bellows as assistant. Sgt. Jack Kyger was announcer, with 1st Sgts. Ed Loverich and Mike Freeman acting as timers. Ring surgeon was Capt. Walt Lippman, while Pfc. Sid Gautereaux, former Brooklyn Dodger catcher, was ring inspector.

Barksdale Field in Front

By CPL. FRANK FELHEIM

A FINAL drive for Barksdale Field's Red Cross Fund was staged recently in the Shreveport, La., Municipal Auditorium, with the boxing teams from Barksdale and the 9th Armored Division from Camp Polk as principals. Before a capacity gathering that contributed $2500 to the Red Cross, the Barksdale team came through with a five-to-two victory, in which two kayoes featured.

Barksdale Field is commanded by Col. William B. Wright, Jr., who is an ardent boxing fan, and as honorary head of the Barksdale Red Cross drive he made the show possible. The boxing show was sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the committee heading the arrangements was under the supervision of Lt. Col. Frank Warner and Capt. Elmo Ballard. Further credit for making this benefit a success was due to the Special Service Section, composed of Maj. Mark E. Sherland, Jr., Lt. Charles R. Stichter, Lt. Franklyn I. Danen and Lt. Otto Whitington, Jr., for handling all the details of the show.

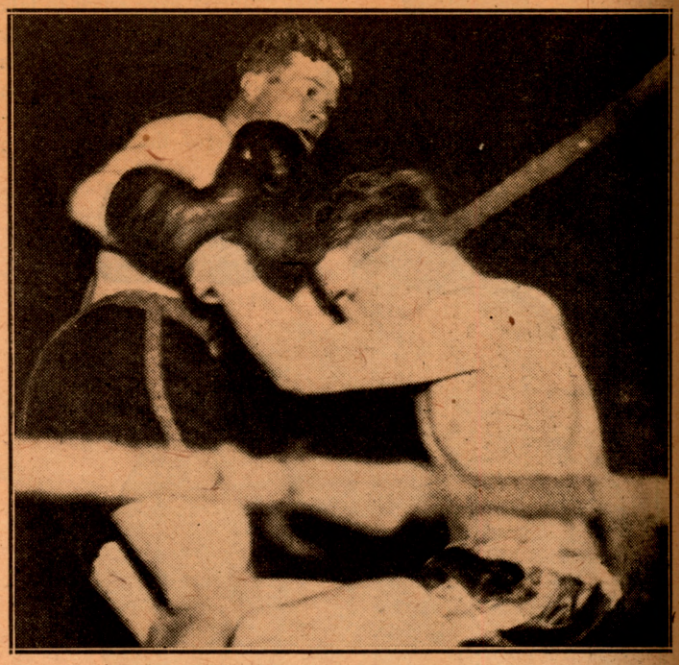
John Wood, promising Barksdale heavyweight, provided the customers with the biggest thrill of the evening when he knocked out Capps Tehauno, heavier Polk Indian, in the final heat. Woods carefully stalked his man through the first and early part of the second rounds. Then, with ten seconds remaining in the second reel, Woods registered with a succession of rights and lefts to the head which sent his man to the canvas for a count. The victor continued his two-fisted attack in the final round to put Tehauno away for keeps with one minute and ten seconds gone.

Barksdale's other kayo came when Jack Mullen, 167, dropped Carl Wilcox, 165, for the full count to record the fastest kayo in Shreveport history in 38 seconds.

Blackie Notaro, 132, Barksdale, rallied in the final two rounds to take the decision over Ralph Guilford, 137, after dropping the first stanza when Guilford played a tattoo of rights to the eye.

Rod Grimme, 139, Barksdale, took the judges' vote over LeRoy Pittle, 140, with a great display of footwork and fast maneuvering which kept Pittle off balance during the battle.

The Polk battlers took their first victory when Al Dumonson, 147, received the nod over Jake Jackson, 145, with a body attack.



Freddie Cordell is in trouble as Pete Macknick punches him through the ropes. Pete was awarded the verdict. They are welters.

In other bouts, Rubin Meyers, Polk, 158, scored over Dave Millaro, 160, and Pete Macknick, 145, Barksdale, outpointed Freddie Cordell, 143.

Two pros, Tommy Roman, Barksdale, and Norman Rubio, 145, Polk, gave the fans a demonstration of the finer points in a four-round exhibition which highlighted the card. Andy Ussery and Wally Mifflin, both of Barksdale, also put on an exhibition.

Sgt. Tommy Roman and Cpl. Chick Heller trained and handled the victorious Barksdale team.

Boxing at Barksdale has proven so popular that squadrons have installed their own gyms and inter-squadron competition has reached a high point. Capacity crowds witness the shows.

FT. WARREN BOXERS TRIUMPH

By CPL. ROLAND A. WHITE

FURTHER honors in the 7th Service Command were won by boxers from Ft. Warren when they defeated a team from one post which was not represented in championship competition for the nine-state area. Victory over Casper Air Base Fliers was decisive—seven bouts, seven triumphs. Against the champs of the Service Command, the leather flingers from the other Wyoming installation went down like an Empire State Building elevator. Only one of them survived the full three rounds, three fading out in the first frame and three in the second from four knockouts and two T.K.O.'s.

First birdman to plummet earthward was Willie Jones, Philadelphia 126-pounder. He plopped three times from the swings of Cpl. Rudolph Barrett, once on one hand, once on his knees, once for keeps—all in the first round. At the count of three on the third knockdown, he made a dazed effort to rise, but sagged back to be counted out before he could stagger to his feet again.

Persistent left jabs snapped back the head of Jim Schlebert and bloodied his nose as Cpl. Mario Centi pounded his way to a 135-pound victory. Seconds threw in the towel for Schlebert in the second round. Centi has proved too much for him.

It was Harry White, welterweight, who lasted the route and even won some boos at the decision awarded to Pvt. Lawrence Fletcher.

Cpl. Mickey Janoski had Willie Thomas down for seven at the first round gong and finished him for a second round knockout. They fought at 160 pounds.

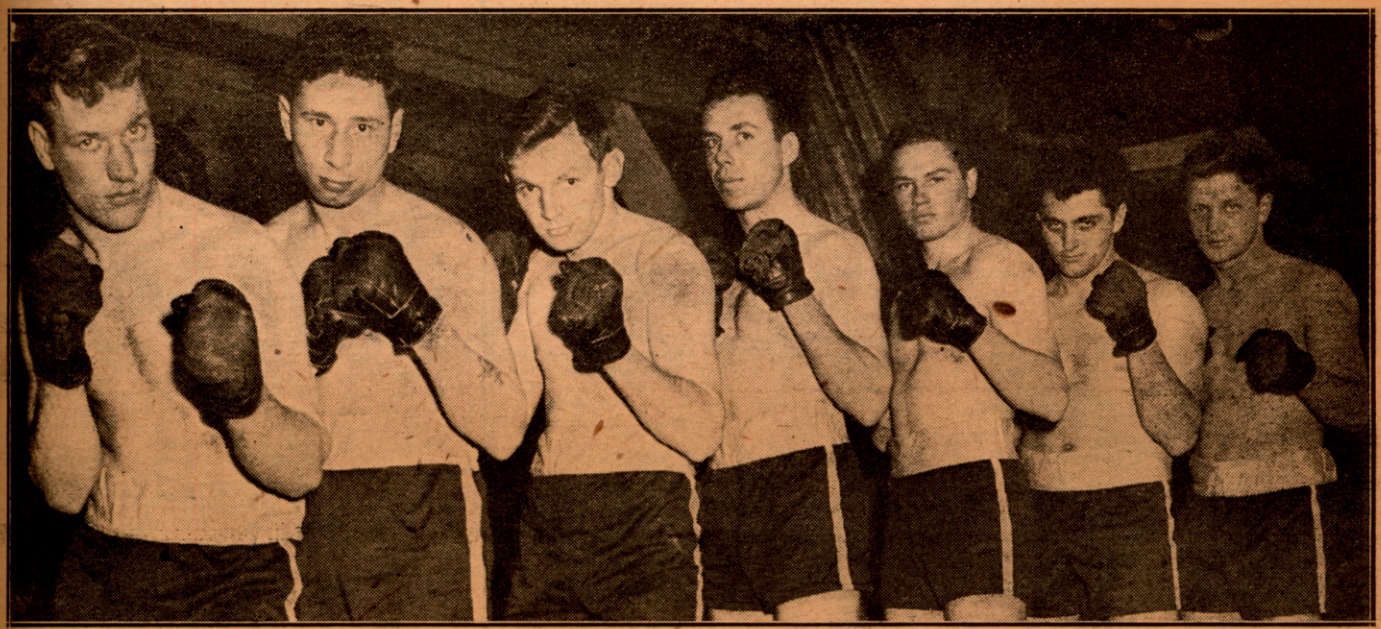
Results were identical in the first 175 pound bout. Pvt. Jesse Raybon had Richard Gady rocking from rights to the jaw and an occasional left hook to the gut. Then he doubled him up over the ropes like a sad sack before completing things with a knockout. Gady had just a glimmer left at the end of 10 seconds.

Pvt. James Roberts sent Robert Johnson into his bomb shelter and stopped him before the first round was over in the other 175 pound bout.

Last of all came Armando Garguilio, heavyweight from Brooklyn, N. Y., jaunty and chipper. He had barely finished bowing to the crowd before a right from Pvt. Bob Nora, Chicago product, caught him on the head and whammed him to the canvas as if he had been hit by a 10-ton truck. Garguilio made the program last a trifle longer by not getting up or even coming to for the better part of a minute.

AIR *and* NAVY CHAMPIONS

Farragut fighting champions, winners of the station boxing finals at Naval Station in Idaho. Left to right—Carl Morris, featherweight, St. Paul; Coolidge Roberts, bantamweight, San Francisco; Carl King, lightweight, Chicago. Standing—Ken Cook, middleweight, Detroit; Lenny Martin, light-heavyweight, St. Paul; Jim McVeigh, Chicago, one of Farragut's boxing coordinators; Barney Felix, New York City, boxing coordinator; Roger LaCount, heavyweight, San Francisco, and Bertie Wishard, welter, Baltimore.



Hutchinson Air Station's title holders. They carried off the bulk of the honors in the Golden Gloves tourney. Left to right—Marty Dames, Bobbie Perez, Doc Kirby, Gene Chapman, Henry McAdams, Nick Ghnouly and Mike Buha. Frankie Williams, bantam king, was absent when photo was taken.

Sheppard, Fighter of the Month

By Pvt. Meyer Ackerman

WITH Madison Square Garden closed to the circus for six weeks, boxing was almost at a standstill not only in New York but in Cleveland and other centers where the sport was doing well during the winter. With Jimmy Bivins in the army, Fritzie Zivic donning the uniform, Beau Jack idle while awaiting his call, the outstanding heavyweights, Savold, Mauriello and Murray on the sidelines, there was little over which to enthuse during the past four weeks.

Zivic has been removed from the ratings in the welterweight class because, upon his induction, he quit the ring for good. His removal makes room for some other lad who is coming up.

In the heavyweight division, Bivins and Savold, the former in the army and the last named in the Maritime service at Hoffman Island, will be removed following this issue unless they can find a way to continue boxing while in the service. Lee Oma, who has been coming along in the past few months, has entered the select circles in the heavy division.

Curtis Sheppard, by his victory over Buddy Walker and his knockout of Tony Shucco, has jumped well up among the leading title contenders, and now rates the number six man. Joey Maxim has regained a spot among the elite. Though in the service, unlike others, he gets time off, as does Sergeant Tommy Yarosz, to fight commercially, hence keeps in the ratings. Yarosz has jumped into tenth post among the lightheavies.

Sal Bartola's close victory over Phil Terranova has enabled the N.B.A. champ, a member of the Maritime Service, to get into second position in the feather class, with only Chalky Wright to top him as a contender. A bout between Sal and Pep for the world crown is an ideal summer outdoor card with a sure $150,000 gate.

Holman Williams supplanted Jake LaMotta as leader of the middleweight contenders due to Jake's defeat by Marshall and Wright's continued victories. Izzy Jannazzo scored a good win when he whipped Johnny Green. Though Izzy can make the welter class, he prefers to be classed among the middleweights. The month's report follows:

HEAVYWEIGHT bouts follow: Bob Scally won on a disqualification from Manuel Abrew, 3; Walter Haefer knocked out John Haines, 3, and Dan Merritt, 1; Glen Moody beat Gene Fowler, 8. Bruce Woodcock knocked out Ken Shaw, 5. Herb Narvo knocked out Alec Stanton, 6.

Henry Jones beat Willie Thomas, 10. Johnny Vorce beat Buddy Jacobs, 8, knocked out John Thomas, 4. Thomas stopped Sammy Sangis, 5, and was kayoed by Fred Schott, 2, and by Laurient Bouchard in 1. Lee Oma beat Larry Lane, 8, also Earl Lowman, 10; Lowman also lost in 8 to Willie Reddish. Perk Daniels beat Turkey Thompson, 10. Freddy Beshore beat Dan Biggers, 6. Earl Lohman beat Tommy Clark, 5.

Elmer Ray knocked out Al Jordan, 3 (originally given out as Ray knocked out by Jordan—correction made by A P), knocked out J. D. Turner, 5, also kayoed Bob Smith, 2.

Howard Thompson beat George Fuller, 10. Jimmy Gardner beat Billy Grant, 8. Tony Shucco beat Henry Jones, 10, but was stopped by Curtis Sheppard in 5, and Sheppard also kayoed Buddy Walker in 8.

Jimmy Foster knocked out Larry Shuck, 1. Lou Nova knocked out Paul Hartnek, 6, knocked out Pug Wilson, 7, also Henry Postaway, 5, kayoed George Dixon, 5, also Colin Chaney, 4.

Al Jordan knocked out Al Ware, 9. Blondy Frank Thomas knocked out Rocky Rios (cut jaw). Arturo Godoy and Alberto Lovell fought a "no contest" (both arrested by police and charged with fraud).

Herb Narvo knocked out Ray Monett (cut eye), 5. Gus Dorazio knocked out Ernie Williams, 4, and was stopped by Saint Thomas in 4 (cut eye).

Henry Jones beat Power House Johnson, 10. Fred Schott beat Billy Grant, 8, knocked out Gilbert Stromquist, 4, and kayoed Sammy Sangis in 5, and stopped John Thomas in 2. Frank Androff knocked out Enoch McLain, 1. Georgie Parks decisioned Wallace Cross, 10. Charley Robinson beat Tommy Clark, 6. Danny Cox beat Vince Pimpinella, 10. Joey Maxim beat John Buddy Walker, 10. Howard Fenske knocked out Billy Adams, 1. Al Mitchell knocked out Fred Salenski, 1.

Gunnar Barlund beat Buddy Scott, 12. Harris Johnson (Jimmy Gardner) knocked out Oscar Goode, 1. Johnny Denson beat Jack Marshall, 12. Reg Layton knocked out Kid Dale, 2.

In the LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT division, here are the leading bouts: Lloyd Marshall beat Jake LaMotta. Jackie Corbett kayoed Jimmy Johnston, 6. Fitzie Fitzpatrick beat Johnny Finazzo, 10. Al Stephany knocked out Charles Bacofen, 3.

Walter Thomas beat Dave Mason, 6. Sam Maltempo drew with Young Brown Bomber, 8. Rudy Evans knocked out Al Stephany, 1, beat Speedy Williams, 6. Ted Harrison beat Billy Rowe, 6. Newton Smith knocked out Pug Brown, 4.

Jimmy Ruzzo knocked out Howard Bean, 1, Sam Shumway, 3, repeated on Shumway, 2. Benito Paine beat Tommy Pope, 6. Bob Garner knocked out Jimmy Reeves, 2. Eddie Taylor knocked out Otto Blackwell, 5. Bob Garner beat Johnny Denson, 10.

Howard Bennett knocked out Tarzan Roy (cut eye), 5. Danny Devlin beat Nelson Canty, 8. Ross Strickland decisioned Jimmy Long, 6, and kayoed him in 2. Wild Bill Deering drew with Ben Russ, 6.

Phil Muscato beat Otto Blackwell, 8, also Tiger Lou Jones, 8. Tee Hubert beat Stoney Lewis, 6. Jack Hawks knocked out Eddie Jensen, 1.

Paul Doyle knocked out Leonard Nix, 3, beat Johnny Rogers, 10, knocked him out in 2, and kayoed John Donnelly, 7. Frank Pluto kayoed Fred Copley, 6. Jack Mitchell won on a foul from Ritchie Sands, 7.

Herbie Katz knocked out Joe Butch Lynch (cut eye), 6, and lost to Oscar Goode in 8. Jimmy Mulligan knocked out John Thomas, 1. Victor Chambers knocked out Joe Robinson, 2. Lou Bass knocked out Vince Depaule, 2. Teddy Randolph beat Johnny Tuck, 8.

Jimmy O'Brien knocked out Stan Chesna, 1, drew with Austin Johnson, 8. Alabama Kid knocked out Les McNabb, 4, Stoker Berry, 2, Nick Raymond, 1. Tommy Garland knocked out Lane Hale, 6. Tom Laming beat Ray Doran, 8. Jim Gray drew with Alan Westbury, 12. Charlie Backofen beat Sammy Hawkes, 6.

Dusty Wilkerson knocked out Odell Polee, 4. Jesse Jackson beat Art Santelli. Buddy Thomas beat Felix Del Paoli, 8. Paul Doyle beat Johnny Rogers, 10. Benny Deathpaine drew with Charley Jones, 6. Teddy Reynolds knocked out Reedy Evans, 2. Joe Kahut beat Bob Blevins, 10.

Herman Badger knocked out Johnny Biff Jones, 1, also Niles Stokes, 1. Charlie Mobley knocked out Tom Mitchell, 3. Herman Hayes kayoed Pug Wilson, 1.

Tommy Ruth kayoed Billy Jones, 1. Rusty Payne knocked Battling Monroe, 8. Johnny Harrison knocked out Ira Hughes, 6. Art McWhorter knocked out Johnny Vorce, 6.

Here are the leading MIDDLEWEIGHT bouts —Larney Moore beat Milo Theodorescu, 10. Izzy Jannazzo beat Larry Anzalone, 10, and Johnny Green, 10. Ralph Regan knocked out Eddie Jensen, 2, kayoed Carl Schultz, 7, also Al Forman, 1, repeated over Carl Schultz, 1.

Billy Fox knocked out Ray Scully, 3, and Larry Kellum, 4, also Teddy Horton, 2, Andy Holland, 2.

Henry Kid Robinson beat Bob Winters, 6. Buster Peaks beat Jimmy Mandell, 10, drew with Johnny Lawer, 8. Jesse Moraney decisioned Lee Datts, 8. Benny McCombs beat Tommy Jordan.

Lee Black beat Willie Gray, 4, also Jerry McGee, 6, McGee beat Charley Frickle and lost to Mario Miscelli, 6. Gray beat Verne Atkins, 8, and fought Larry Williams a "No Contest" (referee stopped bout in third). Jimmy Pierce beat Mickey McKiness, 6. Billy Walker drew with Mickey Green, 6, and then beat him in 6.

Vincent LaSalva beat Sammy Mammone, 6. Dave Carver drew with Steve Kish, 4.

Jimmy Hill knocked out Jackie Smith, 3. Harold Gary knocked out Tommy Purcell, 2.

Charles Burley beat Archie Moore, 10. George Elliott beat Tommy Colteaux twice, 12, and Colteaux kayoed Elliott, 13. Wally Di Maio knocked out Howard Settle, 1. Dick Smith knocked out Norm Daniels, 3. Lou Billier beat Ron Walsh, 8.

Colin Hoddy beat Ross Pippett, 15, also Vern Heinrich, 15. Ritchie Sands knocked out Jack Mitchell, 10. Tiger Winston knocked out Jack Burns in 2. Ossie Bulldog Harris beat Jimmy Elliott, 10, and kayoed Sammy Mandell, 8. Joe Carter beat Tiger Lou Jones, 8, also Buddy Farrell, 8.

Prospects of the Month

The following fighters merited special distinction:

Heavyweight—Jimmy Ruzzo, West Warwick, R. I.

Light-heavyweight—Paul Doyle, Los Angeles.

Middleweight—Ted Gordon, New York City.

Welterweight—Sammy Daniels, Baltimore.

Lightweight — Buddy Garcia, Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Featherweight—Lulu O'Connor, Montreal.

Bantamweight — Joe Sandy Sadler, New York City.

Flyweight — Stumpy Butwell, Australia.

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

For the month ending May 10, 1944

All inactive fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in our armed forces have been removed for the duration. When they resume boxing they will be placed again in the high position they have hitherto occupied. Only active fighters, service men and civilian boxers, will be rated monthly. In our ratings, the position of champions now in the service of Uncle Sam are frozen for the duration.

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion *Joe Louis U. S. Army	World's Champion *Gus Lesnevich U. S. Coast Guard	World's Champion *Tony Zale U. S. Navy	World's Champion *Freddie Cochrane U. S. Navy
1—Jimmy Bivins	Lloyd Marshall	Holman Williams	Henry Armstrong
2—Lee Savold	Alabama Kid	Jake LaMotta	Freddie Archer
3—Joe Baksi	Eddie Booker	Charley Burley	Tommy Bell
4—Tami Mauriello	Freddie Mills	Joe Carter (Rome, N. Y.)	Sammy Angott
5—Lee Q. Murray	Nate Bolden	Coley Welch	Al Davis
6—Curtis Sheppard	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Jose Basora	Leo Rodak
7—Lee Oma	Bob Garner	Izzy Jannazzo	Frankie Wills
8—Joey Maxim	Bruce Woodcock	Marcel Cerdun	Arthur Danahar
9—Gunnar Barlund	Jack McNamee	Tommy Davies	Ralph Zannelli
10—Perk Daniels	Sgt. TommyYarosz	Al Tribuani	Johnny Green

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion International Title Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Patterson
1—Bob Montgomery	Chalky Wright	Tony Olivera	Norman Lewis
2—Beau Jack	Sal Bartola	Peter Kane	Sammy Reynolds
3—Tippy Larkin	Ham Wiloby	Ernesto Aguilar	Georgie Parkes
4—Juan Zurita	Phil Terranova	Dado Marino	Little Dado
5—Ike Williams	Harry Jeffra	Rush Dalma	Alec Murphy
6—Willie Joyce	Charley Cabey Lewis	Lou Salica	Joe Curran
7—Billy Miller	Young Finnegan	David Kui Kong Young	Mickey Jones
8—Harry Teaney	Al Phillips	Joey Puig	Larry Torpey
9—Cleo Shans	Enrique Bolanos	Johnny Wolgast	Tommy Plowright
10—Julie Kogon	Nel Tarlton	Luis Castillo	Vacant

*Indicates title frozen for duration of the war—in war service.

Larry Fontana knocked out Billy Porcell, 2, also Lew Perez, 5. Len Hatchet knocked out Nat Hutchins, 1. Boyo Mallon beat Oscar Suggs, 8, knocked out Jackie Desautels, 5, and beat Al Evans, 10.

Samson Powell knocked out Rudy Zorich, 3. Johnny Johnson decisioned Willie Clayton, 6. Georgie Humes knocked out Lou Farrara (sprained ankle), 3. Al Tribuani knocked out Billy McCoy, 8, beat Johnny Diaz, 10, drew with Kenny LaSalle, 10. Larry Martin kayoed Al Alexander, 2. Frankie Terry beat Johnny Jones, 8. Al Seidman knocked out Ralph Deans, 2.

Holman Williams beat Jose Basora, 10, Paul Lewis, 10, and Jack Chase, 15. Joe Governale beat Coolidge Miller, 8, Verne Patterson, 10, and Rudy Giscombe in 10. Coolidge Miller also was knocked out by Jerry Fiorello in 4. Fiorello lost in 8 to Wilfe Shanks, and in 10 to Johnny Brown.

Sailor Tommy Kelly knocked out Stan Norris, 4. George Elliott knocked out Ken Petersen, 5. Jack Kirkham knocked out Dick Smith, 3, also beat Colin MacIver, 6.

Ray Rovelli drew with Johnny Brown, 10, Johnny Brown knocked out Sam Baccala, 6. Billy Brown beat Eddie Saunders, 8.

Bert Gilroy beat Jim Berry, 8, also knocked out Pat O'Connor who injured his arm, 5. Vince Hawkins drew with Tommy Davies. Johnny Ware beat Cpl. Douglas Bygrave, 8. Dave McCleave decisioned Dick Turpin, 10. Buddy Jackson beat Tim Latson, 6.

Cannonball Joe Reddick beat Langston Dennis, 10, also Harold Reiss, 6, drew with Mad Anthony Jones, 10, and beat Bob Wade, 10.

Burley Lanier won on a foul from Johnny Seaman, 2. Saverio Turiello beat Frankie Young, 10.

Walter Patrick beat Bishop Murphy, 5. Coley Welch beat Vic Dellicurti, 8. Rudy Richardson beat Mario Miscelli, 8, also Billy Brown, 8.

Billy Cooper knocked out Irish Jimmy Mackin, 2, beat Dave Carver, 4, knocked out Ernest Barnwell, 4, beat J. C. Wilkins, 6. Tommy Mollis beat George Red Doty, 10. Bradley Lewis beat Stoney Lewis, 6.

Nick Toretto beat Bud Bailey, 6. J. C. Wilkins beat Al Barbosa, 6. Bee Bee Washington knocked out Ira Johnson, 5. Babe Crocker knocked out Bill Gable, 4. Walter Cunningham beat Wally Di Maio in 4 rounds.

Sgt. Johnny Walker knocked out Waddell Washington, 1, also Jimmy Moore, 3. Danny Aldrich knocked out Sidney Miller, 5.

Edgar Robinson beat Frankie Angustain, 8. Charley McPherson beat Cirvey Lee Kinsey, 8. Walter Speedy Du Vall beat Bobby Howard, 8.

Tommy Fusari drew with Al Harrison, 6, knocked out Joe Robinson, 1, and beat Sawee Jatta in 6. Louis Wise knocked out Larry Martin, 4. Billy Smith knocked out Johnny Bowen, 4.

Ted Gordon knocked out Joey Robinson, 3, beat Ernest Barnwell, 4. George Duke knocked out Louis Flyer, 8. Jimmy Hill knocked out Lorenzo Johnson, 5. Frankie Valdez knocked out Soldier Al Rogers, 7, also Mickey Heren, 2.

Nick Manfredo knocked out Jimmy Fitzpatrick, 1. Johnny Messanoble knocked out Frankie Ferretti, 2. Tony Amiola beat Tony Gouveia, 10.

Milton Kessler knocked out George Humes, 3, beat Buddy Bailey, 6. Mickey Pease drew with Joey Albina, 10. Augie Fleischhauer beat Wayne Powell, 8. Eddie Halligan beat Speedy Cannon, 6. Frankie Marino knocked out Bob Tyree, 3.

Arnold Deer beat Tom Woodard, 8. Sgt. Tommy Yarosz beat Otto Blackwell. Al Basten beat Young Frisco, 12. Lou Hittlier beat Larry Martin, 8.

Ritchie Sands won on a foul from Billy Myers, 4. Rudy Campa drew with Jesse James Jackson, 6.

Ruben Shanks drew with Norman Rubio, 10. Danny McMillan won from Ed Leo, 6. Jackie Caparell won from Willie Clayton, 8. Joe Albanese kayoed Eddie Jensen, 1.

WELTERWEIGHT contests follow: Charlie Davis beat Jerry McGee, 6. Tony Riccio beat Sawee Jatta, 8. Paul Mosca knocked out Ray Brown, 2, drew with Stanley Baby Simms, 4. Eddie Davis knocked out Lester O'Brien, 4. Henry Johnson beat Sidney Miller, 4, kayoed Vince LaSalva, 3. Irving Palefsky beat Milton Shyers, 6. Pete Witkowski drew with Gus Harrison, 4.

Henry Armstrong beat Johnny Thomas, 10. Johnny Spoon knocked out Joe Robinson, 1, beat Walter Cunningham, 4. Tommy Mills beat Johnny Williams, 6, also Leo Red Brown, 6. Jimmy Mills beat Larry Baker, 4, also Al Mobley, 4.

Jimmy Liddell beat Eddie Weller, 10. Bob Claus knocked out Chito Hernandez, 2. Walter Lamarr won on a disqualification from Lee Datts, 7, beat Baby Face Miller, 8.

Rocco Lescio beat Frank Intieri, 4. Larry Villenueve knocked out Bert Chisholm, 1. Henry Jordan decisioned Milo Theodorescu, 8.

Sidney Miller beat Paterson Ryles, 4, and was knocked out by Red Doty, 3. Doty also kayoed Tommy Mollis, 1. Al Jolson knocked out Johnny O'Keefe, 3. Cpl. Norm Cardaro knocked out Bobby Giles, 2. Jimmy Hampton beat Pete Cappy, 8, and Pete Cappy knocked out Paulie Wilson, 4.

Bill Arnold stiffened Eddie Saunders, 1. Georgie Williams knocked out Larry Galento, 1. Nick Latsios beat Ray Rovelli, 10.

Billy Parsons knocked out Roy Lewis, 7. Robert Simmons beat Johnny Roszina, 8. Gilbert Whiteside knocked out Eddie Moran, 1.

Benny Salica drew with Manuel Villa, 6. Villa lost to Chester Slider, 10. Billy Furrone beat Tony Grey, 6. Joe Donofrio drew with Johnny Ditto, 6.

Johnny Green knocked out Tiger James Higgins, 5. Freddie Archer beat Joe Matone, 10. Al Davis knocked out Johnny Dougwillow, 6.

Sonny Al Seidman beat Verne Atkins, 4. Monty Klein beat Frank Intieri, 4, knocked out Hubert Winfield, 3, Billy Tordiglione, 10. Johnny Wilson knocked out Johnny Attelly, 3. Clever Henry beat Jimmy Lewis, 8.

Lee Abrams kayoed Whitey Atkins, 1. Solomon Stewart and Lew Maxwell fought a "no contest" which was stopped in 5. Roman Alvarez beat Doug Carter, 8. Harold Smith kayoed Leroy Saunders, 3.

Billy Graham beat Prudy Pacheco, 6, knocked out Jackie Smallwood, 1, beat Sammy Mammone (twice), 6. Mammone beat Tony Calantoni, 6, lost to Steve Riggio, 2, lost to Johnny Cool in 6. Babe Synnott knocked out Ernie Dundee, 5. Sammy Daniels beat Silent Mike Bulik, 10, beat Ernest Cat Robinson, 10.

Joe Falco beat Harry Red Schultz, 6, knocked out Young Blackburn, 1, beat McCoy Jones, 6. Nate Hutchins beat Joe Days, 4.

Frankie Wills beat Lee Rosen, 10. Tony Brandino beat Bill Campanelli, 8. Tommy Egan drew with Ross Romero, 10.

Mike Zarett drew with Yannie Rambert, 6, knocked out McCoy Jones, 1, Charley Howley knocked out Earl Thomas, 2.

Bee Bee Wright kayoed Bobby Maloney, 4, beat Ernest Cat Robinson, 8. Arthur Danahar knocked out Sean Clancy, 8. Bob Ramsay beat Billy Russo, 10.

Peter Banasko beat Ivor Jones, 8. Frank Meachem beat Johnny McDonald, 10. Johnny Clements beat Dixie Deans, 10. Johnny Luz beat Babe Synnott, 6, George McKinney, 8.

Stan O'Mara knocked out Johnny Shaw, 4. Tommy Hunter beat Jackie Daniels, 12. Jimmie Dundee beat Cliff Bowen, 12.

Joe Curcio knocked out Nick Calder, 2, Georgie Wilson, 8, beat Harold Gary, 6. Sid Haber kayoed Erve Headley, 4. Lenny Mancini knocked out Tiger Nelson, 1, Joe Lemieux, 3.

Frankie Abrams knocked out Isadore Miner, 2. Johnny Corbett knocked out Joe Guarino, 3. Rocky Graziano knocked out Bobby Brown, 5.

Harold Green decisioned Joe Matone, 8. Art Towne knocked out Johnnie Morrow, 2, also Paterson Ryles, 3. Moe Hunter knocked out Charles Jones, 3. Tim Blackton knocked out Tony Mosca, 2.

Ernie Forte knocked out Young Scott, 2, also Al Lavivre, 2, beat Johnny Luz, 8. Tommy James drew with Johnny Roszina, 10. Harold Smith knocked out Lew Perez, 3. Rudy Giscombe beat Freddie Graham, 10.

Benny Williams beat Joe Bennett, 10. Vic Pignatore beat Jerry Darby, 8, also Pete Galiano, 8. Morris Reif knocked out Leo Red Brown, 4, beat Joe Amico, 8. Paulie Wilson won on a disqualification, 3. Whitey Cozy beat Eddie Hudson, 6.

Pedro Jiminez drew with Jackie Ryan, 6. Bill Hebberd knocked out Earl Boswell, 12. Les Hardy beat George Delaney, 12. Cliff Bowen decisioned Bobby Clarke, 12.

George O'Keefe knocked out Don Pascoe, 2. Leo Kimber knocked out A. C. Stewart, 6. Patrick Giordano beat George Sonny Wilson, 6 (twice).

Aaron Perry knocked out Lew Hanbury, 6, also Tuffy Cummings, 5. Frank Ross knocked out Bobby Josephs, 2. Jimmy Grace knocked out Johnny Corbett (cut eye), 1.

Lige Drew beat Reecy Davis, 10, and beat Roscoe Smith, 10. Johnny Ryan beat Jack Gaines, 6, drew with Johnny Eakers, 6. Joey Gambaro beat Tony Brandino, 10, drew with Tiger Nelson, 8, and Tiger Nelson beat Johnny Cool, 6. Cool beat Sammy Mammone, 6.

Bobby Silver knocked out Jimmy Carroll, 2. Mike Evans beat Charley Sabatelli, 6. Eugene Burton knocked out Johnny Cool, 4.

In the LIGHTWEIGHT class, these were the outstanding bouts: Jerry Coursol beat George Johnson, 6, knocked out Jimmy Morrison, 2, knocked out Paterson Ryles, 2, kayoed Verne Atkins, 4, beat Prudy Pacheco, 6, and kayoed Charlie Williams, 3. Tony Janiro beat Johnny Williams, 6, also Tommy Mills, 6.

Danny Woods beat Billy Ross, 10. Tazewell Thompson beat Jose Torres, 6, and Thompson lost to Jimmy Pell, 6, and drew with him in 6. Denny O'Dey knocked out Ted Slattery, 12. Young Dennis kayoed Les Semmens, 8.

Rocky Kansas knocked out Bruce Farley, 2. Les McDonald drew with Archie Rash, 12. Billy Stevens beat Keith Lockwood, 8. Ron Heron won on a foul from Fred Corten, 6.

Joe Gillis beat Jackie Desautels, 8. Carmine Fatta drew with Bucky Taylor, 8, and knocked him out in 2. Frankie Gromada knocked out Hubert Winfield, 2, beat Johnny Bo Harris, 6, and defeated Johnny Gurrieri, 6.

Ike Williams knocked out Leroy Saunders, 5, Mike Delia, 1. Julie Kogon beat Angel Aviles, 10, knocked out Leo Francis, 3, drew with Joe Lemieux, 10. Cleo Shans beat Ellis Phillips, 10.

Santa Bucca beat Pete Lello, 8. Bobby Gunther knocked out Jack Desautels, 3. Tommy Reardon knocked out Joe Jackson, 5, also Joe Celletti, 7.

Bob Jennings knocked out Rocky Jackson (cut eye), 3. Eddie Giosa knocked out Lester Cueball Young, 4, drew with Hubert Samuels, 8. Patsy Brandino kayoed Al Freda, 5. Ernie Petrone beat Lucky Douglas, 6.

Eddie Marcus knocked out Kid Juarez, 3, beat Ace Miller, 10. Jim McNair kayoed Artie Kalvo, 2. Al Guido beat Joe Amico, 8.

Pat Scanlon beat Marty Bell, 4, also Jeff Holloway, 6, and stopped Pete Kelly, 3. Johnny Lambert drew with Joe Fernandez, 4. Roy Lewis decisioned Gene Ward, 6. Leo Dulmaine beat Henry Davis, 6, knocked out Billy Nappier, 2. Young Beau Jack beat Bobby Driscoll, 6.

Russ Regalbuto beat Lucky Douglas, 8. Oscar Lewis nodded Archie Goodbee, 8. Johnny Guarino knocked out Frank Intieri (twisted ankle), 3.

Al Joseph knocked out Pete Kelly, 2. Jerry Zullo beat Pat Demers, 10. Ruby Garcia knocked out Doll Rafferty, 8, beat Juste Fontaine, 8.

Jackie Connors beat Joe Nunzio, 6. Jack Toomey beat Ron Warner, 12. Paddy Boxall beat Ralph Clay, 12. Jim O'Keefe beat Terry O'Toole, 6. Johnny Shields knocked out Stan McBride, 4, and Dan Mace, 5. Johnny Montreal beat Bobby Lewis, 6.

Al Mobley beat Bill Hadley, 4. Terry McKnight knocked out Bill Mahoney, 1. Dom Amoroso knocked out Johnny Stevens, 3, also Hubert Winfield, 3. Butchy Charles beat Ronnie Burns, 4, also Walter Samuels, 4, repeated over Walter Samuels, 4.

Charles Parham knocked out Billy Brown (twisted left leg), 2. Fern Pelletier beat Johnny Coe, 8. Ace Miller beat Nick Moran, 6.

Bobby Yaeger beat Billy Hale, 10. Eddie Hudson knocked out Freddie Long, 4. Billy Smith knocked out Jackie Furrone, 1, and Jimmy Spence, 1. Norman Hi Ho Silver beat Charley Noel, 8, also Walter Cabey Lewis, 8.

Freddy Russo knocked out Rocky Progano, 4, beat Pete Vergin, 6, knocked out Young Lee Q. Murray, 1, and Murray also drew with Joey Longo. Robert Garcia knocked out Zach Taylor, 1, beat Leo Brown, 6. Joe Gillis beat George Marino, 6.

Freddie Dawson knocked out Bill Grier, 3, also Lester Cueball Young, 2. Johnny Coe beat Sam Marino, 6. Del Cockayne knocked out Dickey Miller, 1. Young Marquis knocked out Mickey Shea, 2. Jimmy Jones knocked out Young Murray, 1. Walter Gomes knocked out Jinx Menard, 1.

Bob Montgomery beat Joey Peralta, 10. Jimmy Evans beat Jimmy Carlson, 4, and Harold Arrington, 6. Piffy Citar drew with Albin Buczek.

Andy Klinges beat Paulie Wilson, 6. Eddie Rooney beat Sol Miller, 6. Angelo Tony Maglione beat Leo Francis, 8.

Johnny Gurrieri (Bo Harris) beat Pat Scanlon, 6, also beat Hubert Winfield, 6, but lost to Frankie Gromada, 6. Frankie Rosen knocked out Johnny Bascombe, 1, and beat Milt Skyers, 4. Bobby Driscoll beat Eddie Davis, 4, also Joe Woodley, 6.

Willie Joyce knocked out Ray Lunny, 8. Marcel Fournier beat Don McLean, 6. Harry Fleming knocked out Eddie Williams, 1, and lost to Joey Longo, 6.

Hubert Samuels beat Lew Maxwell, 8. Archie Rash kayoed Alf Weymark, 9. Paddy Slavin kayoed Joe Caldwell, 9.

Vic Patrick knocked out Carl Dell, 8. Harry Roe beat Les McDonald, 12. Frenchy Savidan drew with Billy Hale (Savidan suffered cut eye), 3. Harry Teaney decisioned Lulu Costantino, 10. Willie Roache kayoed Oscar Lewis, 6.

Willie Calhoun beat Harold Red Rasmussen, 10. James Sherron beat Alonzo Tiger Wills, 6. Willie Russell beat Tiger Kiggans, 6.

Robert Early knocked out Johnny Rhodes, 2, Robert Fowler, 2, and Leon Spencer, 2. Johnny Eaton kayoed Nelson Hawkes, 5, and beat Johnny Ryan, 6. Jimmy Armour kayoed Red Rossi, 2.

Oscar Suggs kayoed Oscar St. Pierre, 3. Billy Bains decisioned Lorenzo Johnson, 6. Lucky Douglas kayoed Ernie Petrone, 5. Chuck Hunter decisioned Gene Ward, 6. Terry Gibson kayoed Isadore Miner, 8.

Stan Wilkes kayoed Jim Frazer, 4. Bill Standering knocked out George O'Keefe, 3. Young Jocker knocked out Kid Delaney, 5. Andy Faison kayoed Joey Robinson, 2. Jimmy Green decisioned Julian Malavez, 8. Auriel Coutoure beat Jackie Ryan, 10. Johnny Corbett knocked out Lee Abrams, 4. George Marino knocked out Steve Ketchel, 5. Sheik Rangel beat Paulie Peters, 10. Charley Fusar beat Jimmy Mills, 4. Rocky Graziano knocked out Freddie Graham, 3. Bill Tierney knocked out Jimmy Edwards, 5 (cut eye).

Frankie Allen kayoed Billy Thornton, 2. Harry Red Schultz beat Henry McNeil, 6, and knocked out George Henry, 2. Vic Costa decisioned Jerry Darby, 8. Sabas Jamito decisioned Dutchy Kaakua, 6. Willie Smith beat Ernie Petrone, 6. Johnny Price won from Tony Riccio, 8. Jimmy Joyce kayoed Ted Christie, 6. Mariano Nava beat Filio Prado, 6 and drew with Billy Hale, 10. Eddie Rooney beat Johnny Narra, 6. Marty Bell decisioned Clarence Vaugh, 4. Russell Richter beat Joe Griffo, 4. Johnny Williams drew with Frank Curry, 6. Joe Bagnato knocked out Paul Wilson, 2. Pat Demers beat Jerry Zullo, 10. Johnny Priest defeated Jimmy McLarnin, 6. Al Stuart scored over Johnny Vazzo, 6. Freddie Polowitzer knocked out Frankie Carino, 2. Johnny Montreal beat Bobby Lewis, 6. Mike Martyk knocked out Joe Triola, 2. Teddy Green knocked out Bill King, 2.

FEATHERWEIGHTS fared as follows: Clint Miller knocked out Jack Panni, 2, beat Al Rodriquez, 6. Ronnie Clayton knocked out Jack Chambers, 4. Syd Worgan drew with P. O. Ben Duffy, 10.

Al Phillips beat Jim Brady, 10. Frankie Carino beat Eddie Reardon, 4. Billy Sinclair beat Ted Sprouster, 8.

Billy Tollis knocked out Les Brooks, 8, and beat Ken Stanford, 12. Bob Maloney knocked out Charlie Harley, 7. Joe Leonard knocked out Bert Oakley, 4. Billy Saunderson beat Ern Juno, 6.

Tommy Chapman kayoed Reg Tozer, 4. Kid Dunn knocked out Joe O'Carroll, 3. Bill Alexander beat Jackie Wilson, 10, also Pat O'Connor, 10, and kayoed Kid Gallagher, 5. Wilson drew with Bernie Dunne, 8, and kayoed Pat O'Connor, 1. Bernie Dunne beat Art Denham, 8. Joe Caldwell knocked out Jem Mace, 2.

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The Ring's Honor Roll

By PFC. JIMMY HEARNS

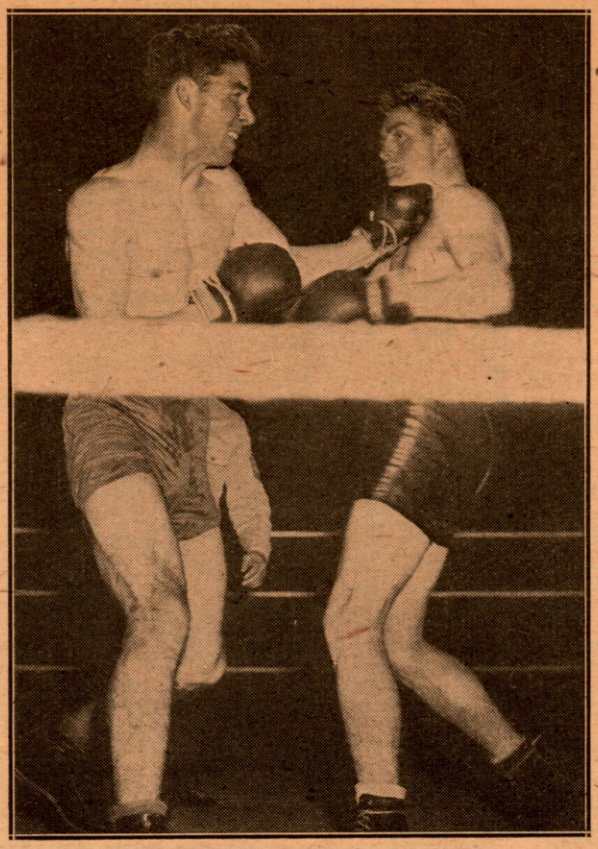
TWENTY-SEVEN more boxers, some quite prominent, have been added to the list recorded in Washington as members of the armed forces. Fritzie Zivic, most prominent of the lot, who was awaiting induction as we went to press last month, is now getting his basic training at Keesler Field, in Mississippi. Beau Jack, another big money maker in boxing, has quit for the duration. He is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., for his boot training.

Bob Montgomery, N.B.A. lightweight king, has been inducted.

New York City contributed eleven boxers to the army and navy during the past four weeks. There are now, as of May 3, 4,194 fighters of the roped square in the services. This number includes, of course, those who were wearing the uniform but were later discharged for physical defects.

During the month a report reached the sporting public to the effect that Kid Chocolate the famous Cuban Bon Bon had suffered the loss of both his legs in the fighting on the Italian front and many letters reached THE RING asking how come that he was a member of the American armed forces.

The report was erroneous. The Kid Chocolate who suffered this loss, was Young Kid Chocolate who fought out of Philadelphia. The Cuban Bon Bon is training boxers in Havana where he is attached to the Cuban Government's Physical Fitness program.



Scene in finals of Diamond Gloves tourney in Philadelphia. Pvt. Glen Murphy, Norton, Va., 164, lands left to chin of Cpl. Frank Lowery, Philadelphia, 166, to win by a knockout in second.

Sgt. Marion "Putsey" Pulzone, star Washington, D.C., Golden Glover, suffered a leg injury in the Pacific Air Force fighting.

Pfc. George H. Doin, Troy professional lightweight, was honored with the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroic action in the South Pacific.

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JOHNNY BO HARRIS has been honorably discharged from the army because of a broken ear drum. Reports from around the country show that as of May 1, a total of 67 boxers have been honorably discharged from the services for physical disability. Most of them have resumed their boxing.

Marvin Bryant, star middleweight who had been in the service for more than a year, has been honorably discharged and has resumed his active boxing career.

Rochester boxers honorably discharged during the month are Jimmy Reina, Jay Widener, Joey Ross, Anga Atta, Eddie Smith, Leo Polito and Jerry Meinhard.

Stanley Weinberger, THE RING's artist and writer, now stationed as a Camouflage officer at Buckley Field, Nevada, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant. He is in the Army Air Force.

Johnny Early, Minneapolis boxer, has been wounded in the Central Pacific fighting area.

Louie Miller, Brooklyn boxer, has been wounded in the South Pacific fighting zone.

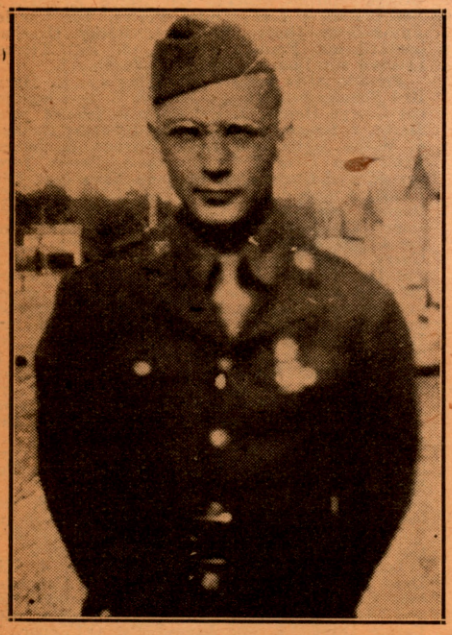
Sgt. Ray Robinson, who was scheduled to go with Joe Louis to tour army camps abroad but didn't make the trip, has been transferred from Halloran Hospital to Fort Hamilton where he is awaiting disposition of his case.

THE RING Editor urgently requests the names of fighters who have lately been inducted, of service men, former boxers, who have been decorated, cited or injured and the names of boxers who recently have been discharged. Help us keep the record of our boxing, fighting men, up to date.

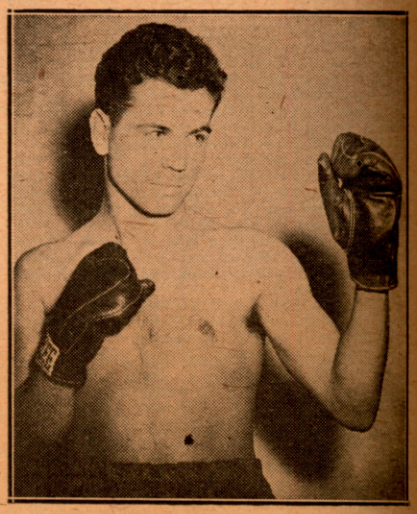
Now here are some sketches of men of the roped square who are doing their battling for Uncle Sam:

Cpl. George Inott

ONE of the many St. Paul and Minneapolis amateur and professional fighters who has been in the thick of the fighting in Italy, is Cpl. George Inott, of the Twin Cities. George, a former welterweight Golden Gloves fighter, has seen almost a year of active service on the Italian fighting front, where he is serving as a radio operator with the army.



Cpl. George Inott of Minnesota who is doing his fighting on the Italian front.



The outstanding fighter of the 10th Armored Division at Camp Gordon, Augusta, is Charles "Chuck" Taylor, a welter who hails from Kensington, Pa. In 16 months of service he has rolled up an excellent record. He is camp boxing instructor.

Pfc. Ray Wyzykiewicz, Buffalo Golden Glover, winner of the 8th Army Air Force title in England.

As an amateur he engaged in 40 contests in which he clashed with the best boys in the Northwest. He lost the final in the St. Paul Golden Gloves tourney to Jack Horner.

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LLOYD WALKER

MINNEAPOLIS has sent more amateur boxers to the various branches of the armed forces than any other city. Included in the lot is Lloyd Walker, who is now with the army in Australia. Lloyd has engaged in 42 contests of which he lost six decisions. He scored ten knockouts, four in the opening round. He scales 139 pounds.

Walker boxed in the States as a featherweight but like all other athletes who are in the service, the fine food served has brought him up to the welterweight division. In 1941 he lost a close decision to Pay Sheehey in the Golden Gloves Minneapolis tournament.

Lloyd Walker, Minneapolis lightweight, stationed in Australia.

PFC. RAY WYZYKIEWICZ

PFC. "WEE" RAY WYZYKIEWICZ who hails from Buffalo, N. Y., a Golden Gloves and A.A.U. champion, was the winner of the 8th Army Air Force featherweight title somewhere in England recently.

Since in the Army, Ray has had 13 bouts, winning them all. Eleven were fought in England. Among others he beat Ron Bissell, A.B.A. champion of England, who had over 90 bouts.

Ray has engaged in 35 bouts, losing only 2. He won most of his fights by knockouts. He suffered his first defeat in his first year of boxing in 1939 in the finals of the district A.A.U. championship tournament, to Paul Columbo. He lost to National Golden Gloves Champion, Demetrio Carabella in Madison Square Garden, N. Y., in 1940 in the finals of the Golden Glove Tournament.

Tony Ross, Jr., Pittsburgher, who is serving in England and has boxed with success overseas.

"Wee" Ray defeated the National Golden Glove champion, Carabella, a month later at Buffalo, N. Y.

Ray is a two-fisted, tireless puncher, a great crowd pleaser with T.N.T. in either hand. He weighs 133 pounds, is well built and is 21 years old. Ray is one of the best lightweights in the army.

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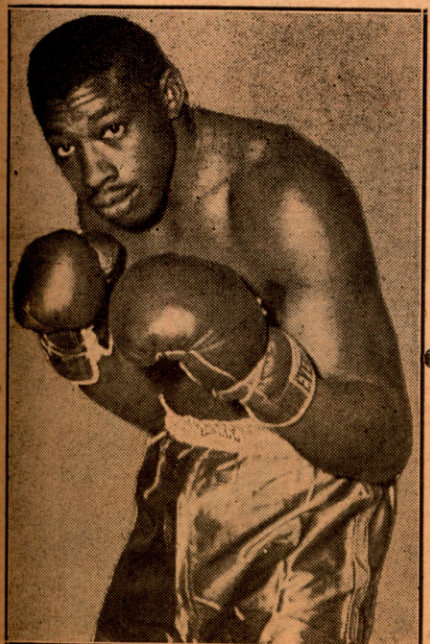
TONY ROSS, JR.

WORD has been received that Tony Ross, Jr., 20-year-old son of the famous Pittsburgh lightweight of a decade back, has turned the tide once more. His victory over Bob MacLuckie, outstanding Scottish welterweight, was witnessed by a crowd of enthused British fight fans.

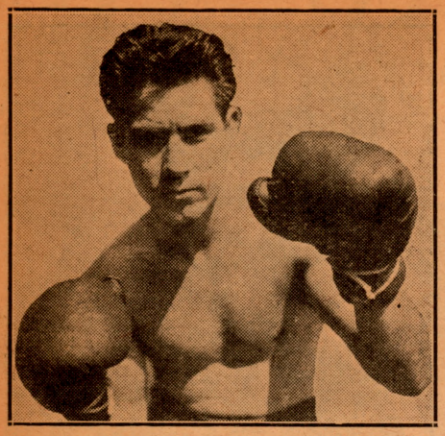
Young Tony started his career at an early age under the tutelage of his father, Tony, Sr. In January, 1942, he was voted the outstanding boxer of the year by the Detroit sports writers. This was the year he also



Gordon Walker, Camp Wheeler's star welter, who seeks post as a coach.

Cpl. Jackie Sharkey, former star pro featherweight, who instructs at Perrin Field.

Billy Walker, former Northern New York welterweight star.



Pvt. Howard "Porky" Moreno, the 112-pound amateur champion of California who is now a member of the Air Force. He also has won the title in his division.

won the lightweight championship in the C.Y.O. tournament, this bout being declared the best bout of the year by the officials. After joining the professional ranks he quickly worked his way to the top, fighting on the semi-final on the Zivic-LaMotta card in Pittsburgh. His last fight in the States was in Wilmington, N. C., against Chief Crazy Horse Martin. It went nine and one-half rounds before Martin hit the deck for the last time.

Tony, Jr., writes that his desire for boxing remains, but his chief interest at the moment is helping to put a quick end to the battle on hand.

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PVT. JOSEPH O'DONNELL

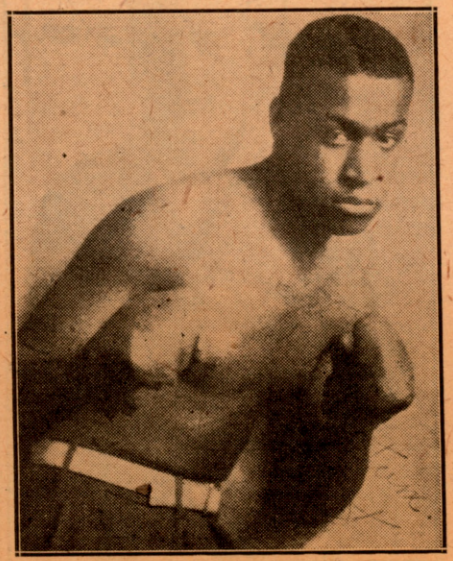
PVT. Joe O'Donnell, former New England middleweight champion, is now stationed at Fort Custer, Michigan, where he has participated in twenty-one bouts. He scored nineteen victories and lost three. Among the boys he defeated was the sensational C.Y.O. 175-pound champion of Chicago, Charlie Kurchoze. He handed Charlie his first defeat since Charlie started boxing. Willie Williams, a fast moving Negro boy, also went down to defeat before O'Donnell's relentless punching.

Bill Sawyer, graduate of the Farragut Naval School, now in the state of Washington.

Billy Duncan, star boxer of the Ft. Belvoir Military Police.

As an amateur in Boston, O'Donnell won the 160-pound middleweight championship of New England in 1939 and was voted the outstanding performer by the reporters. Among the best amateurs Joe defeated was Larry Pacino, whom he kayoed in three rounds, and Joe Maxim of Chicago, in the third round. This was a great feat because Maxim had participated in more than 150 contests and had never been kayoed, while O'Donnell had had only 21 bouts. Today Maxim is rated the seventh best heavyweight in the world.

O'Donnell climaxed a sensational career as an amateur by scoring 33 knockouts in 55 bouts, winning 18 decisions and losing four. Every well-known manager of New England wanted to manage him. Joe finally signed up with Jack O'Brien, who managed Mike Kaplan. As a pro, O'Donnell scored seven knockouts and one decision in eight fights under O'Brien's management, before entering the service.



Sgt. Walter Bantum who boxes as a welter and middleweight.

Benny Floyd, Carpenter's First Class Mate, a fighting member of the Fighting Seabees.

While stationed at Fort Custer, Joe married his childhood sweetheart, Theresa. He also has three brothers serving Uncle Sam's Army, and they are located in Alaska, England and Fort Brady.

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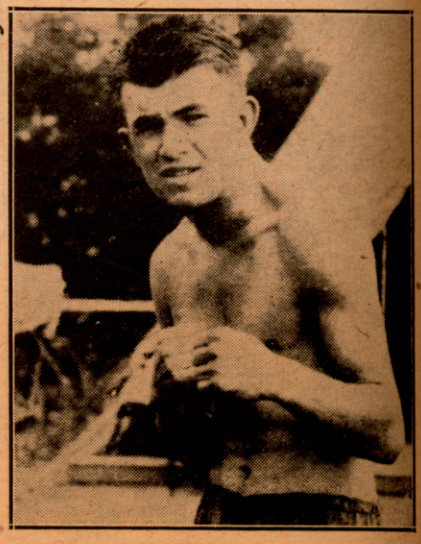
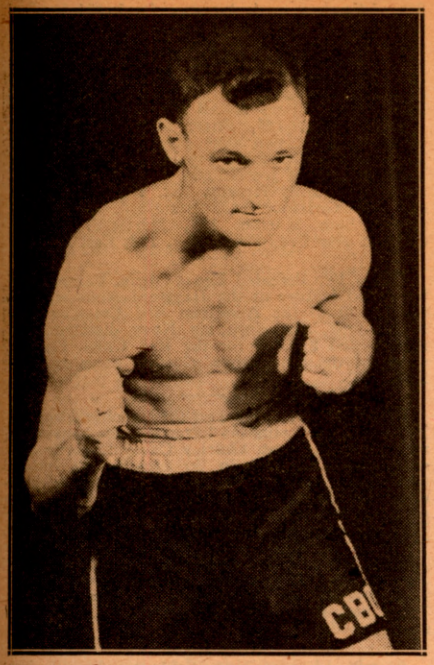
BILLY DUNCAN

THE star boxer of the Military Police Detachment of Fort Belvoir is Billy Duncan, who has been fighting for about three years. He is a light-heavyweight and a good one. Though he seldom scales more than 172 pounds, almost all of his battles have been against much heavier fellows, men in the lighter division. He lost only one bout to a light-heavy when Johnny Finazzo won a split decision in Washington last December. His other losses have been against heavies.

He has been in the army 28 months and during that time he has engaged in 62 fights, of which he won all but three and drew in two others.



Bill Nielson a Brooklynite stationed at Ft. Riley.



Pvt. O. D. Hightower, the pride of the Sheppard Field, Texas, boxing team. He hails from Arkansas.

BILL SAWYER

A GRADUATE of Farragut Naval Station where Barney Felix was his teacher, Bill Sawyer has put to good use what he learned there in the art of self-defense. Bill has engaged in 14 bouts since leaving Farragut, where he boxed as a lightweight, and of these he has won 10. He lost one bout and drew in three.

Bill is now stationed in Bremerton, where, whenever the opportunity presents itself, he keeps in fighting condition by donning the mitts.

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BENNY FLOYD

ALTHOUGH he hasn't donned the gloves for several months, Benny Floyd, Carpenter's Mate 1/c, a member of the fighting Seabees, was an outstanding amateur boxer prior to the outbreak of the war.

From 1931 to 1939 he won numerous Golden Glove and A.A.U. tournaments in the midwestern states, holding seven state titles, and being a quarter-finalist in both the Chicago Golden Gloves of 1935 and the A.A.U. at Cleveland in 1936. He met such battlers as Davey Day, Morris Corona, Paul Spica, Johnny Brown, Eddie Dempsey and many others. He holds victories over Joey Silva, Bus Breese, Chester Ellis, Baby Lou Alcanter, Frankie Flynn, Bob Morley and other high-caliber amateurs.

Benny has a record of only 17 defeats in a total of 149 bouts with better than 50 percent of his victories by the kayo route, his best punch being a short overhand right.

Floyd had two bouts during his two years' duty in the South Pacific, winning both by decisions. He beat Tommy Stoops, a fellow Seabee, and later won a hard earned decision over Frankie Flynn, a Marine from Buffalo, New York. The victory over Flynn, a pro with a good record, was for the lightweight title of the Pacific Base.

Having reached the age of 34, he has now definitely retired from the ring and is anxious to get the bigger battle over so he can return to his former position as a government engineer in Oregon.

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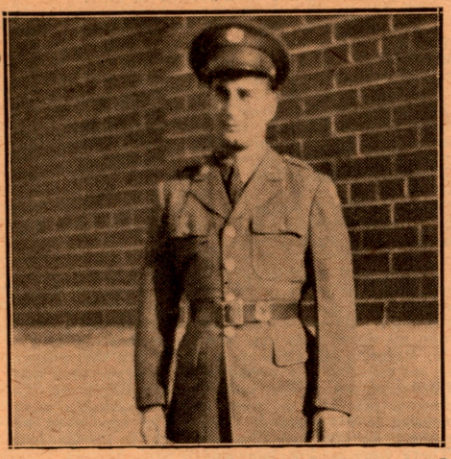
CPL. JACK SHARKEY

PERRIN FIELD'S boxing instructor is Cpl. Jack Sharkey, known in professional boxing circles as a pretty good fighter a few years ago. Among the stars he fought were Frankie Genaro, Emil Paluso, Ernie Peters, Lou Ambers, Freddie Miller four times, once for the National Boxing Association championship in the featherweight class; Baby Arizmendi, Leo Rodak, Lew Jenkins, Everette Rightmire and Roger Bernard.

He boxed for 12 years as a pro, starting in 1926. His last fight was with Jenkins who stopped him. Jack had a total of 146 bouts as a pro and amateur. He has been in the service for 20 months. He is stationed in Texas.



Pvt. Joe O'Donnell, former New England champ, stationed at Fort Custer.

BUDDIE DOUGLAS

A FIGHTER who looms as an excellent post-war prospect, though he turned pro and fought as such for about two years before joining the army, is Buddie Douglas, holder of six division championships. Buddie, who did most of his fighting around Texas, though he did a little in New York, is the holder of the following titles:

Sixth Division, 96th Division, 104th Division, 44th Division, 70th Division, 37th Infantry Division—all in the heavyweight division.

He is 24 years old and was born in Dallas, Texas. He scales 198 pounds and is a hard hitter, and according to Capt. S. C. Van Vulpen, sports officer of the 96th Division in Oregon, Buddie is one of the best heavies in the armed forces. Buddie is stationed at Fort Benning with the paratroopers.

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BILL NIELSON

WILLIE "Bill" Nielson, who comes from Brooklyn, is at Fort Riley, where he is stationed with the Cavalry, Assault Gunners' Squadron. Under the guidance of Cpl. Sid Marks, Nielson has developed into a pretty good fighter. He has taken part in several of the camp's boxing exhibitions.

Nielson had engaged in 41 contests as a simon-pure in New York City and vicinity before joining the army. He fought several times in Madison Square Garden inter-city tournaments.

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SGT. WALTER BANTUM

ONE of the outstanding boxers now in overseas service, is Walter Bantum, a soldier who boxes both as a welterweight and a middleweight. Walter was born at Chestertown, Maryland, on December 4, 1919, and graduated from high school. He was the high school champion in 1926 and the C.C.C. welter title holder from 1932 to 1939. In 1941 he was runner-up in the Baltimore Inter-City title tournament.

Since going overseas, he has engaged in a number of fights in North Africa and in Italy, where he is now stationed. He won the light-heavyweight championship last year and this year he was runner-up in the Italian P.B.S. championships.

The sergeant can sock and hopes when the war is over, to take a fling at professional boxing.

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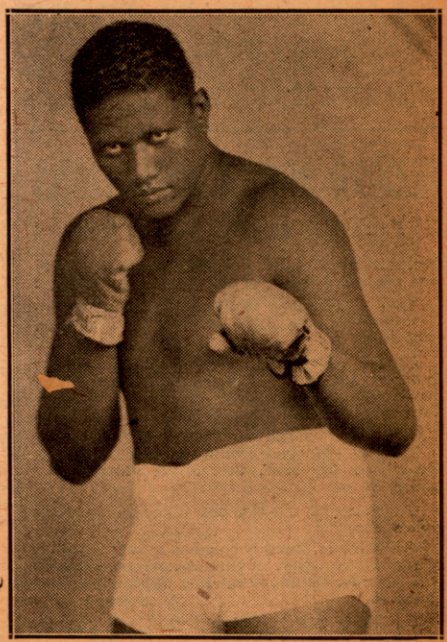
GORDON WALKER

CAMP WHEELER in Georgia has a fine fighter in Gordon Walker, Baltimore welterweight. The Marylander is trying for a job as boxing coach and because he is a capable fellow with the mitts and a good instructor, he may land the post. He has had considerable experience.

In New York Gordon was trainer for both Mike Belloise and Chalky Wright. He did his work at Stillman's Gymnasium.



Paul "Tiny" Wyatt, stationed at Manhattan Beach where he aids Jack Dempsey.

PAUL "TINY" WYATT

PAUL "TINY" WYATT, one of the boxing men at Jack Dempsey's station at Manhattan Beach, who quit boxing two years ago when he enlisted in the big

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Fighter of Month

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Sal Bartola beat Johnny Cockfield, 10, and Phil Terranova, 15. Eddie De Angelis knocked out Corky Davis (cut eye), 4, beat Blonde Tiger, 6. Earl Trader beat Midget Mayo, 6, repeated in 6. Frankie Rubino knocked out Ritchie Miyashiro (fractured rib), 1. Cpl. Jackie Floyd knocked out Billy Bates, 5. Bob Smith beat Johnny Cockfield, 8. Joey Dolan kayoed Joe Mace, 6. Pete Bolos beat Alex Jiminez, 6. Lee Scheirer drew with Jimmy Pitts, 6.

Charley Cabey Lewis knocked out Lefty LaChance, 10, beat Vince Dell 'Orto, 10. Walter Cabey Lewis knocked out Ruby Rivera, 2. Charley Noel drew with Bobby Henry, 6. Irving Magid beat Johnny Bascomb, 4.

Rocky Progano beat Mario Colon, 6. Jackie Leslie beat Jose Torres, 8, knocked out Al Sforza, 4. Mike Konners knocked out Jimmy McNair, 2, and Garry Williams, 3. Pete Vergin beat Clint Miller, 6, and kayoed Joey Niel, 5.

Tommy Chapman knocked out Ernie Hoffman, 1. Eddie Miller won on a foul from Tommy Johns, 11, and beat Kid Young, 15. Sid Knight drew with Leo Robbo, 12.

Ern Hammon knocked out Young Melrose, 5. Davey Crawford drew with Hubert Samuels, 6.

Eddie Reardon knocked out George Takus, 3. Steve Kronis knocked out Chuck Jackson, 3, and Carl Powell, 1. Tommy Greb kayoed Eddie Moniz, 2, beat Davey Crawford, 10.

Willie Pep beat Harold Snooks Lacey, 10, also Jackie Leamus, 10. Archie Goodbee beat Chick Santos, 6, then drew with him, 8. Leroy Jackson beat Mike Martyk, 6. Jack Cutle beat Kid Cournoyer, 6.

Ham Wiloby knocked out Johnny Gebert, 6. Lulu O'Connor beat Jose Torres, 6, repeated in 6, and beat Willie Hook, 4. Charles Coles knocked out Jimmy McNair, 2.

Tony Ferry knocked out Sammy Montani, 4, and beat Joe Morrisette, 8. Gus Mell beat Mario Colon, 6. Leroy Willis beat Sammy Parrotta, 8.

Pete Kelly beat Reds Seef, 4. Johnny Pacheco beat Eddie Lee, 10. Bob Smith knocked out Jimmy Phillips (cut eye), 5.

Chalky Wright knocked out Clyde English, 1. Bernard Docusen beat Pete Sanchez, 6. Andy KO Morgan knocked out Jose Rivera, 5.

Teddy King beat Adolph Samuels, 8. Clint Miller knocked out Al Rodriquez, 5. Willie Alexander beat Lenny Pepper, 6. Laurie Gamboa kayoed Art Denham, 8.

Kid Dunn drew with Kid Gallagher, 6. Zach Taylor won from Arty De Pietro, 4. Willie Thomas decisioned Jimmy Corti, 6. Jackie Graves kayoed Tom LaFever, 2.

The BANTAMWEIGHT bouts were: Sammy Reynolds knocked out Mickey Jones, 5. Young Arthur beat Tom Harkins, 4. Roy Underwood won on a foul from Ken Stanford, 6.

Babe Kelly knocked out Basil Jones (injured hand), 4, beat Lee Scheirer, 8, beat Ivor Escobar, 8. Frank Jayne knocked out Lindbergh Miller, 1. Willie Weasle beat Pete Kelly, 6. Hugo Ortiz beat Joe Mace, 6. Joe Sandy Sadler knocked out Joe Landry, 1, and beat Jose Apontes Torres, 6.

Dado Marino beat Alfred Chavez, 10, repeated

12. Dave Robinson knocked out Ray Skelton, 2.

Alby Varco beat Fred Wylde, 4, and knocked out Jack Fergus, 7. Joe Grisald beat Art Said, 8. Mickey Francis fought a "no contest" with Les Brooks, 7. Johnny Wolgast knocked out Reds Hall, 4, beat Jimmy Jeannette, 6. Tony Olivera knocked out Joe Robleto, 5. Basil Jones beat Lulu O'Connor, 6. Hugo Ortiz beat Eli Golindo, 6.

Art Gomes beat Tony Reno, 4. Chick Fernandez knocked out Benny Bussins, 1.

Young Joe Samuels beat Alphonso Jones, 4. Billy Williams kayoed Jackie Ryan, 4. Ceferino Robleto drew with Elwood Romero, 10. Rudy Grimes kayoed Emil Gordon, 3. Joe Puig beat Larry Torpey, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS were inactive. The only bouts were: Bill Roberts beat Midget Buckingham, 4. George Parkes knocked out Frank "Kid" Bensor, 4. Norman Lewis knocked out Tony Roberts, 2. Stumpy Butwell knocked out Arty Samuels, 5.

RECORD BOOK CORRECTIONS

Paste This in Your Record Book

Holders of The Ring Record Book for 1944 are requested to make the following changes:

Page 7—Famous Holiday Fights—Kid McCoy knocked out Peter Maher in 5 rounds, Not One.

Page 7—Sept. 12, 1899—Caption over fight between McGovern and Palmer should read bantamweight, not featherweight, and in paragraph under this, third line, eliminate word bantam and make it read feather.

Page 47—In Gene Tunney's record, fight on September 22, 1927, attendance should read 104,943.

On Page 78 change the manager in Bartola's record.

Sal Bartola, Born November 5, 1917, Boston, Mass. Nationality, Italian-American. Weight 126 pounds. Managed by Lou Schiro not Lew Burston.

On Page 158 in Johnny Dundee's record, eliminate the last fight, 1931, with Ara.

In record of Julie Kogon, page 248—Fight on Jan. 28, 1941, change place to Brooklyn and same year add Oct. 24, Kogon vs. Bob Montgomery, Chicago, L. 10.

Page 359—Record of Barney Ross—1931—Eliminate May 27 bout with Roger Bernard.

Page 568—June 20, 1942—in record of Freddie Mills, fight with Len Harvey was for light-heavyweight title, not lightweight.

On Page 591 add to Index, Al Singer, page 379.

CONNECTICUT NEWS

By JIM HIGGINS

BOXING picked up during April and early May in Connecticut with Hartford and New Haven running one, two. Norwich started to have bouts while New Britain just couldn't match the other cities. Outside fights are due in Hartford, New Haven, Manchester and Norwich with the appearance of warm weather. The main topic in Connecticut circles at present is whether it will be Willie Pep and Julie Kogon hitting it off in a ten-rounder in Hartford or New Haven. Both New Haven and Hartford want the bout but nothing but talk has been settled to date.

Julie Kogon scored a 40 to 37 decision over (Angel) Aviles in the feature at the New Haven arena of ten rounds. Kogon came out with a bad thumb that soon healed. Kogon has been reclassified 1-A by his draft board. Kogon came in at 134, his heaviest in some time, while Aviles hit the beam at 130. The card was tops, with Bobby Richards, 129, of California, winning over Joey Wasnick, 131, New Haven, in six. Chick Santos, 140, Bridgeport, and Arthur Goodbee, 137, New York, drew. John Corbett, 143, Branford, stopped Joe Guarino, 140, Stamford, in the third; Ernie Cabral, 137, New Haven, kayoed Ray Cross, 135, of New Britain in the third.

Willie Pep, making his second start since getting out of the Navy, rang the bell for his 69th victory, slipping out with a decision over Snooks Lacey at the New Haven Arena before 3,100 fans. Pep won all the rounds with the referee's score at 50-35. Referee Bill Conway declared Pep the winner in all rounds. Pep looked much sharper and was hitting with his right and left and didn't use his famous jab. His footwork and ringmanship were similar to his style of ten months ago when he copped the title from Chalky Wright in the Garden. There were no knockdowns.

In the undercard, Herman Badger, 172, New Haven, stopped Johnny Biff Jones, 167, Hartford, in 2:25 of the first; Jimmy Grace, 146, Windsor, won over Johnny Corbett, 144, Branford, on cut eye, in 1:38 of the first; Mario Miscelli, 152, New York, decisioned Jerry McGee, 154, Augusta, Ga., six rounds; Archie Goodbee, 138, Hartford, decisioned Chick Santos, 141, Bridgeport, six rounds.

Ray "Clutch" Rovelli fought Johnny Brown to a ten-round draw at the feature of the Hartford Auditorium. Referee Bill Conway called it a draw and the verdict met with approval. Brown was the favorite, but just couldn't sting his foe after the third.

Undercard—Henry Davis, 139, New Britain, decisioned Jackie Connors, 142, New York; Frank Carino, 122, Meriden, outpointed Eddie Reardon, 126, Hartford, in four. Bill Kearns, 152, East Hartford, kayoed Walt Kuhta, 158, Meriden, in the fourth.

Julie Kogon, 134, New Haven's ace, made his debut in Hartford a successful one when he tagged Leo Francis, 132, in the third round and won on a T.K.O. because of a cut eye. For two rounds the Panama and New York ace, Francis, had Kogon worried but he stuck his chin out and Julie caught him with a wild left and staggered him. Kogon couldn't finish his man but cut his eye and after stopping the bout three times in the third to look over the eye, Referee Lou Bogash halted the fight.

Undercard—Archie Goodbee of Hartford and Chick Santos of Bridgeport drew in a six-round semi-final. Goodbee came in at 136 and Santos at 136. Joe Polowitzer, 130, East Hartford, knocked out Frank Carino of Meriden, 125, in 1:48 of the second round. Bill Kearns, 145, of Wethersfield, and Teddy (Soldier Boy) Macklin, 150, of Hartford, drew. Kearns knocked Macklin down twice but took a bad body punishment.

Matchmaker Gus Brown took over for Billy Gore and Lou Viscusi.

Benny Williams, Newark Negro, won a disputed decision over Joe Bennett, of New York, in a ten-round feature at the Hartford Auditorium, April 19. Dan Buckley gave the victor five rounds and four to Williams. Bobby Gleason stormed the ring after the fight, and demanded the scorecard. The following week he was fined $25 by Commissioner Coskey for his actions. Williams went down for nine in the first and then came back and tossed a tough left that had Bennett on the rebound most of the night. Bennett couldn't get in the telling blow. Despite the six-pound weight handicap, Williams forced the fight.

Jock Leslie, 125, Flint, Michigan, scored an eight-round decision over Jose Torres, 123, New York, in the semi-final. Jackie Connors, 142, New York, decisioned Joe Nunzio, 138, of Waterbury in six rounds. Billy Kearns, 152, Hartford, knocked out Joe Guarino, 143, Stamford, in the first round. Sam Marino, 137, Hartford, gained a decision over Fred Polowitzer, 134, East Hartford.

Willie Pep defeated Leo Francis, Panama, in a ten-round feature at the Hartford Auditorium for the benefit of the American Red Cross on April 5, his first bout since his Navy discharge. The fight netted $10,000 for the Red Cross. Pep won seven of the ten rounds, slowing down after the fifth.

Francis was the aggressor throughout the fight but Pep's ring skill plus his left and some hard-hitting rights won the bout. Charley Cabey Lewis knocked out Lefty LaChance in the eighth round of the semi-final. Lewis almost didn't fight because of the eight pounds he was giving away. Lewis hit the scales at 126 and LaChance, 132. Jack Leslie, 125, Flint, Michigan, kayoed Basil Jones, 122, New York, in the first round with a lightning start. Joe Nunzio, 138, Waterbury, Jackie Connors, 143, New York, fought a six-round draw. Patsy D'Amore, 228, Bridgeport, scored a knockout over Tiger Jack Browning, 190, Burlington, Vt., in the third round.

A trio of promising fighters who are just coming along are Johnny Di Stefano of Middletown, lightweight; Billy Kearns, welterweight, Hartford, and Bobby Caddock, Bristol, lightweight.

Julie Kogon of New Haven earned a lucky draw with Joe Lemieux, 141, of New Bedford, Mass., in a ten-rounder at New Haven Arena, May 5. Lemieux was a last-minute substitute for Johnny Cool. Kogon got in the way of a swinging door all night long and was fortunate to gain an unpopular home-town decision. Kogon almost went down three times. Lemieux had his left in Kogon's face for ten solid rounds while Kogon didn't show any aggressiveness. Referee George Proto's card showed a score of 44 for each.

Matchmaker John Attell was gunning for a quick rematch but it was announced that Lemieux had hurt his hand.

Herman Badger, 170, New Haven, scored a one-belt and out job on Neil Stokes, 165, Detroit, in the first. John Corbett, 143, Branford, stopped Lee Abrams, 140, Hartford, in 29 seconds of the fourth. Bill Kearns, 145, East Hartford, won on T.K.O. over Al Dion, 140, of Providence, as the latter failed to answer the bell for the fourth. George Marino, 142, Bridgeport, knocked out Steve Ketchel, 145, New Haven, in the fifth round at 1:26.

Norwich, Hilltop Arena—Sammy Maltempo, 176, Manchester, boxed to an eight-round draw with Clayton Perry (Young Brown Bomber), 168, of New Bedford, in the second boxing card of the newly opened arena. The bout was hard fought with Maltempo forced to the limit to gain a draw. The semi-final eight-rounder saw Jack Cutle, 122, New London, a winner by a T.K.O. in the second round from Jack Villeneuve, 124, Roxbury, Mass. Solly Miller, 140, New London, won by a knockout from Lee Abrams, 140, Hartford, in the third round. Bill Kearns, 152, East Hartford, decisioned Lou Montiero, 162, Manchester, in a four-round opener.

Featherweight Champion Willie Pep of Hartford has tucked three tune-up fights under his belt registering 70 wins in 71 starts. Pep came back into the ring after 10 months tipping the beam at 135 for the Leo Francis bout and then met Snooks Lacey at 129½. The first go saw him look rather bad on his timing but when he met Lacey two weeks later, he was sharp and back at his old ring game. Then came his trip to Philadelphia where he fought and beat Joe Lemieux in a ten-rounder. Pep came in at 126¼ for this go and surprised all ring followers. Pep seems to be set and has bookings throughout the West and South and is scheduled to show more often at Hartford. A match with Julie Kogon of New Haven has been rumored but nothing has been signed as yet.

Tommy Reed, "St. Thomas" Record for 1944 Record Book

Through an oversight, the record of Tommy Reed, "St. Thomas," for 1943 was left out of the Record Book. For those who have the 1944 Record Book, we request that they paste this in the book:

Feb. 2—Tony Diacco, Jersey City—K.O. 1.
Mar. 2—Joe Curcio, Jersey City—K.O. 1.
Mar. 26—Jimmy Reilly, Washington—K.O. 2.
May 6—Indian Foren, Highland Park—K.O. 5.
Aug. 14—Tony Gangemi, Leiperville—K.O. 4.
Aug. 16—Danny Cox, New York City—D. 10.
Sept. 13—Johnny Tuck, New York City—K.O. 2.
Dec. 10—Lou Thomas, Chicago—K.O. 9.

MILWAUKEE NOTES
By JOHN MOSEDALE

APRIL 18—Promoter Billy Mitchell drew a fair-sized crowd to see Doll Rafferty, smooth working Negro boy, square off with Ruby Garcia, Puerto Rican club fighter by way of New York. Rafferty led all the way and had the swarming mauler on the verge of a kayo when Ruby tagged him with a lucky overhand right and put him dowr for the count.

Garcia, who recently handed the ailing Juste Fontaine the only defeat of his career, impressed as being busy, durable gamester with a fair punch but no over abundance of talent. Rafferty figured out the Puerto Rican's crudely clever style quite early and despite several rounds that were close was building up a lead when he ran into the wallop.

A short hook delivered in the third round, dropped the Doll to one knee as they were at close quarters, but he sprang up without a count and with use of his fine left hand, rendered the Easterner impotent. Even Garcia's tremendous ruggedness could hold only so long and starting with the sixth, Doll started pitching rights that made his foe grab and hold. Garcia was hurt throughout the seventh, but appeared stronger in the eighth. He was still taking plenty when he decked Doll in 2:4 of that round. But for the curse of a glass jaw, Doll Rafferty would be a name to reckon with, but as it is . . . .

Jimmy Pierce, 155½, smacked Mickey McKiness, 167, Chicago Irishman, but could not put him away. The fans who came to see McKiness belted out wanted a draw, but that was beyond comprehension as Pierce took every round except the last. Mickey tried and took a lot but that was all, aside from a few hefty swings.

John Hubbard turned in his best performance to date when he drew with Art McWhorter who had turned in several fine performances here. This observer expected Art to finish Long John in a hurry as it is obvious that the Milwaukee Negro does not like the game, but with the use of a bicycle, Hubbard lasted the route, and really deserved the decision as he clearly outboxed Art.

Stan Jordan had a little trouble with Prudy Pacheco who wanted to wrestle but came through in fairly good style to take the duke comfortably. As always, Stan overlooked a lot of opportunities.

In the opener, Marion Rhoten racked up win No. 3 in stopping an inexperienced foe in two rounds. The Negro lad dropped Irish Pat Atkins once in the first, sending him somersaulting, and put him down twice more in the second before they stopped it. Methinks Marion has trouble taking it, however. 1800 fans paid $3400 to look on.

May 5—Milwaukee fight fans saw Lulu Costantino, highly publicized New York star, given one of his few lickings when he was upset by Harry Teaney in ten fast rounds. Teaney, who has been Milwaukee's darling since his victory over our Doll Rafferty, fought his usual wildcat battle and, wasting no time on the preliminaries usually so evident in a big battle, got off to an early lead.

Costantino showed a tremendous amount of "savvy" and a fine jab, but Teaney got inside the left midway through the second and cracked the New Yorker with a hard right that seemed to rock him. He kept taking the play away from the Lulu with an overhand right which he brought into play often and it wasn't till the sixth that Harry really was outfought.

Costantino came into the stretch fighting hard and took the eighth and ninth but the tenth was even with perhaps a slight edge for the Cleveland Irishman. The decision was unanimous and Teaney who is Army bound, fought a beautiful battle in his last civilian appearance. Teaney weighed 137¼ to Costantino's 134¼.

Leon Spencer, who impressed in his last scrap here went in over his head and after taking an eight count in the second went down for good in the same round. Bob Early was winner in this substitute semi windup which went on after the main event.

Alvin Jordan, Milwaukee Golden Glover, took four rounds in a row from Walter Holba, another local youth, to win without extending himself greatly. Leroy Jackson gave Mike Gravino a left-handed licking but got only a draw out of it.

Stanley Cieslak and Bart Artt fought like a couple of guys named Joe, with Cieslak winning, and Jimmy Sherrer turned pro with a two-round K.O. of Steve Paul, Niagara Falls welter. The gate netted $7,231.

SO. JERSEY, DELAWARE AND PENNA. COAL REGION NOTES
By ARCHIE PIROLLI

ATLANTIC CITY boxing is off again to a good start after a long absence. Promoter Andy Applegate held his boxing show at the Waltz Dream Arena in which Billy Fox (Little Joe Louis), Philly middleweight, added the seventeenth straight knockout to his string with a four-round knockout over Larry Kellum of New York City. Fox had the New Yorker down several times during the contest. In the fourth he hit Kellum with two hard rights in the mid-section and the New Yorker was counted out by Referee Joe Mangold. In the eight-round semi-final, Walter LaMar, 147, Philadelphia, decisioned Bernie Miller, 147, New York City. Lucky Douglas, 143, Philadelphia, stopped Ernie Petrone, 144, also of the Quaker City, in the fourth. In the second bout, Billy Baines, 144, Philadelphia, defeated Lorenzo Johnson, 145, Atlantic City, in six rounds. Tommy Ruth, 170, Golden Glove Champion, of Philadelphia, knocked out Billy Jones, 168, Camden, in the first round.

Harrisburg—Sal Bartola, 127½, Boston, decisioned Johnny Cockfield, 130, Washington, D. C. (10); Al Franklin, 145½, Washington, knocked out Tommy Sloane, 140, Baltimore (1); Teddy Horton, 163, Philadelphia, decisioned Ross Strickland, New York (8); and Bobby Smith, 128, Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Jerico, 130, Washington (6).

Scranton—Henry Jones, 206, New York, decisioned Willie Thomas, 216, Philadelphia (10); Andy Klinges, 138, Newtown, knocked out Zack Taylor, 132 (1); Frankie Jayne, 118, Plymouth, knocked out Lindbergh Miller, 127 (2); Bernie Brooks, 126, Throop, knocked out Chet Dale, 126, Scranton (1); Roxy Wargo, 150, Exeter, decisioned Billy Hayes, 158, Dayton (4), and Pat O'Donnell, 134, Ozone Park, L. I., drew with Paulie Wilson, Carbondale (4).

Scranton—Henry Jones, 202, New York, decisioned Roughhouse Johnson, 180, Washington, D. C. (10).

Allentown—Jess Moraney, 160, punched out an eight-round decision over Lee Datts, 159. Babe Kelly, 118, uncorked a last-round rally to win an eight-round decision over Lee Scheirer, 124.

With the Old Timers of Fistiana: Former mitt wielders employed in local defense industries include Tommy O'Keefe, K. O. Sampson, Sam Robideau, Eddie Morton, Ralph Raymond, Frankie Britton, Charlie Turner, Marty (Kid) Henry, Johnny Kelly, Joe Augatis, Nape Conway, Jimmy O'Brien, Leo Shields, Alex Bader, Billy Devine, Jimmy Berger, Yg. Charlie O'Neil, Joe Theel, Jimmy Bradley, Monte Britt, Young Joe O'Hara, Tommy Buck, Young Nitchie, Tommy Cleary, Johnny Downey, Indian Russell, Eddie Doyle, Hughie O'Brien, Battling Levinsky, Reddy Moore, Freddy Turner, Lou Moretti, Pay Sylvester, Terry Hanlon, Johnny Miller, Martin Judge, Nick Delfonse, Tommy Mack, Fred (Lid) Aurisch, Johnny Ramage, Joe Belmont, Abie Kaufman, Mike Beal, Bobby O'Neil, Preston Smith, Danny White, Buck Millard, Tyrone Costello and Georgie Meilan . . . and that's barely scratching the surface.

Ed Prante, the former elongated Marine heavyweight, is a traffic patrolman in the Central City district. . . . Joe Guinan, Leo Hipp, Pete Malone, Andy Smart, Jimmy Potts, Joe Wernert, Joe Leitz, Frankie Guinan, Bill Leinhauser, Johnny Dooner, Packey McFarland and Tom Loughrey are among others connected with the Department of Public Safety. . . . Johnny Mealey, the one-time celebrated Southwark K.O. artist, is house chairman of the Breen-McCracken Post. The writer can be reached at 207 Shubert Bldg., Philadephia, Pa.

CLEVELAND CHATTER
By SPARKY RUDOLPH

LLOYD MARSHALL pounded out a lopsided decision over Jake LaMotta in ten rounds at Cleveland before eight thousand fans. The house was much smaller than Promoter Bob Brickman and Matchmaker Larry Atkins expected. Not that the fight was not good on paper when the match was made but because the top price was Ten Dollars, the fans balked because they were able to watch fights like Bivins-Murray, Bivins-Pastor and Bettina for a $7.75 top. Not that they don't like Marshall but they were sure that Marshall could beat LaMotta with ease.

The LaMotta camp also knew they were in for a pasting so they gave the promoters the business and got $12,500 for the fight, therefore the show lost money.

Marshall, who was forced to make 161 pounds, coasted to an easy win. Scoring with left hooks to the head and right hand uppercuts, he had Jake missing all over the place and while doing so Lloyd busted Jake up pretty well.

Fitzie Fitzpatrick outroughed and outslugged Johnny Finazzo in ten heats. Fitzie scored with telling body blows that slowed the Baltimore kid down to a walk. Fitzpatrick carried too many guns for Johnny. The win put Fitzie in line for some good shots as New York is after him for a match with Coley Welch while Boston and Los Angeles are also after the Thunder Punching Irishman.

Leroy Jackson, 122, stole the show when he won over Mike Martyk of Buffalo, 128 pounds. Jackson, who never goes over 122, has been spotting these fellows six, eight and ten pounds. Leroy had the Buffalo boy on the canvas three times but the kid had plenty of heart and got up each time for more. It was a real pier six brawl. Jackson is managed by Philly Goldstein, former nationally known flyweight, who boxed Fidel LaBarba.

Johnny Ryan defeated Jack Gains in a good fight over the six round route. . . . Samson Powell stopped Rudy Zorich in three. . . . Walter Thomas won over Dave Mason in six.

Harry Teaney, Cleveland lightweight, won a unanimous ten-round decision over Lulu Costantino in Milwaukee. Teaney scored with numerous right hands. There was one knockdown in the seventh round when Harry scored with a right hand that floored Lulu for a no count. This was Teaney's second good fight in Milwaukee in a few weeks. He lost an unpopular duke to Fritzie Zivic. Teaney is wanted by Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Olympic in Los Angeles to box John Thomas or Willie Joyce.

Leroy Jackson fought a six-round draw with Mike Gravino of Buffalo, at Milwaukee but the fans thought Jackson should have won the decision as Leroy had the Buffalo boy in a bad way on several occasions.

Robert Early stopped Leon Spencer in two rounds.

Johnny Lawer fought Buster Peaks to an eight-round draw at Detroit on Scotty Strachan's weekly shows, the fight was a good one and it looks like the boys will go again. Lawer is handled by Freddy Rogers.

Chief Specialist Billy McGinty of Cleveland is stationed at Navy Recruiting Training Station at Camp Farragut. Billy will be remembered for his athletic ability. He went to John Carroll University where he was on the boxing team, was the star back on the football team and was also on the track team. After leaving school he joined the ranks with his father who is also nationally known and they promoted all kinds of shows.

Billy is the man behind the guns of the boxing promotion in Cleveland, with Bob Brickman and Larry Atkins taking care of things. These boxing promotions have drawn houses of $60,000.

Joey Maxim won over Buddy Walker at Detroit. . . . Chuck Hunter won over Gene Ward at Chicago. . . . Leonard Wilbert of Westlake Village was home from Fort Dix. Wilbert will be remembered for his clever amateur boxing days.

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DREW FIELD, FLORIDA, CHATTER
By PVT. W. C. "DULILI" JETTON

JOEY SMITHERS, Third Air Force, Middleweight champion, belted out "Chicago Jack" O'Hara in the third round in the feature event of the month down here. Other results were as follows: Terry Tauriello won a close decision over Sam Pitisci. Both men are 138-pounders. Herley Eaton of the Third Air Force turned back Hilly Escabar of Tampa. Johnny Enriquez, 140, of Drew Field, won over George Martin, 143, of Pinellas Air Base. Kid Dillinger, 122, McDill Field, K.O.'ed Casey Silveria, 120, of Lakeland in the second round.

Drew Field—Pvt. Paulie Rusin, heavyweight star, turned back hard-punching Virgil Smart, an Arkansas M. P. Pvt. Everett Capps, 150, of Detroit, beat Ed Kathrien, of Chicago, after flooring him in the second round. Eddie Craffets, 145, of Terre Haute, Ind., came through and won over Pfc. Rudy Cain. "Kid" Lewis of Minneapolis floored Toughie Tufaro, 158, Jersey City, and then went on to win the decision.

Mike "Popeye" Holland, 38-year-old veteran, fought a smart fight in beating "Kid" Lewis. Pvt. Bill Brinkman of Newark, N. J., fought a draw with Pvt. Everett Capps, 154, of Detroit.

Pvt. Watson, 140, Joplin, Mo., and Pvt. Russell Straube, 145, Fossill, Ore., also fought a draw. Melvin Weiner, Pasadena, Calif., lightheavyweight, beat "Steamboat" Henderson of Seymour, Ind., in a crowd pleaser. Sgt. Virgil Smart of Arkansas outslugged Joe Bierman to gain the referee's nod.

Pfc. Ray Atkins, of Drew Field, who won the Miami Golden Gloves and went to the quarter-finals in the New York Golden Gloves, has turned pro, and in his first appearance K.O.'ed Dick Donahue of Avon Park in the first round. Atkins is a red-headed lightheavyweight with plenty of the old fight.

Rudy Cancela, former Tampa heavyweight, is in the Merchant Marine in St. Petersburg and may make a comeback.

Earl Whobrey, former Drew Field battler, is fighting main events in Miami now.

Buddy Rose, another one of Tampa's favorites is stationed at nearby Plant Park and hopes to see action soon.

Irish Johnny Taylor, former West Coast favorite, received a medical discharge from the Army at Drew Field and expects to start his comeback right here in Tampa.

Everyone seems to be interested in Pvt. Ragon Kinney now. Ragon informs me that he may turn pro and if he does watch him go. His brother Neal is now in Texas after serving in Alaska for the past two years. He is also a nice fighter.

Will have more news for you next month. In the meantime keep dropping your notes to Dulili Jetton, 208 Woodlyn Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Lord Lonsdale

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"I SPOKE to Dad Phillips, my father-in-law, who was a boyhood pal of Sullivan, traveled with him in many parts of the country and saw him in every fight he had after the Donaldson battle, which 'Pop' Phillips attended in 1880, and 'Pop', like many Americans, ridicules the story of Lord Lonsdale.

"Pop, now eighty-eight years old, tells me that the Central Park Academy was so exclusive a riding place that Sullivan could never have gotten within its gates and that as for a fight being staged there, those who were in charge would never have permitted such a 'degrading' affair to be staged within its walls.

"I spoke to Arthur Lumley, who, like Dad Phillips, is in the eighties, and asked for his opinion. Arthur managed Sullivan in the later eighties and was the editor of the *Illustrated News*, a rival of *The Police News* and *Police Gazette*. Lumley likewise ridicules Lord Lonsdale's story. He said:

"'It's too ridiculous to take cognizance of. John L., if he had fought Lonsdale, would have broken him into bits in 1879, when Sullivan was the strongest man in America, if not in the world. I knew Sullivan intimately, and never heard of that Lord Lonsdale story. I was in Harry Hill's when John L. made his first appearance in New York City, and it was there that I was first acquainted with him. I know that Sullivan was never in the city before 1881.

"'As for the Central Park Academy, as a newspaper man I had occasion to report the doings at the club, a most exclusive organization, similar to the Racquets and Tennis Club of today and I know that no fights were ever staged there, private or public, because they just couldn't be held in that Academy. I'm sorry to say that Lord Lonsdale has his dates, places and opponent mixed.'

"So there you are, my British friends. Now don't take it out on me. I'm not making fun of the grand old man of British boxing, Lord Lonsdale, but am giving historic data in answer to a flood of mail asking me to look up the details and verify that story. Can it be that Lord Lonsdale was hoodwinked as was the case in his 'Wild West' chase."

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WHEN Lord Lonsdale died leading newspapers from coast to coast in this country included the story of the Sullivan affair in sketches of the great sportsman's career. As many ring fans of today probably never heard of the incident, and will naturally be astonished to be told that the nobleman conquered John L., long before Jim Corbett took his heavyweight title away from the erstwhile Champion of Champions; the foregoing reproduction of the Fleischer 1937 article may serve to forestall a flood of enquiries from RING Magazine readers eager to have light thrown upon the possible facts in the case.

Disregarding the vexed problem of the John L. controversy, there will be no disposition on the part of any American to deny credit to the late Earl as the most imposing personage of his and later generations in the world of sport. An aristocrat of the aristocrats, yet he still remained an idol of the masses, being in the full sense of the modern slang phrase—"a good mixer!" Or, again to quote Kipling:

"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much."

The poet's vision was assuredly realized in the colorful Lonsdale career. Prior to his succession to the earldom at the age of twenty-five, he had traveled all around the globe, filling the widely diverging roles of sailor, lumberjack, Klondike gold prospector and professional athlete. Small wonder that his Memoirs were ablaze with pungent thrills, romance and replete with human interest! Where the average man dreamed of adventure, he lived it. Yet though a friend of monarchs and titled grandees, he never "lost the common touch." He was as well known, respected and liked in the humbler sporting resorts of London as in the famous paddock of Epsom Downs.

British popular opinion rated him as the best judge of horseflesh in Great Britain and his judgments were law to equine lovers, dog breeders and pigeon fanciers. He was wedded when twenty-one to Lady Grace Cicelie Gordon, daughter of the Marquis, who died in 1941. There was no issue from the marriage and the title now passes to Captain Lancelot Edward Lowther, his seventy-six-year-old brother. Owner of many celebrated horses, his greatest success on the race track was achieved in 1922, when he won the Saint Leger handicap. For years he officiated as judge at London's famous Olympian horse show and presided as Master of the Fox Hunt to the McQuorn and Cattesmore Hounds.

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LORD LONSDALE took his first boxing lessons from England's old bare knuckle champion, Jem Mace, whom he rightly regarded as one of the most scientific fighters and best teachers of all time. The pupil absorbed much of the master's style, being especially adept in the use of the straight left, which Jem, with good reason, considered the most important blow for a novice to learn, for employment in both defense and offense. Lonsdale could hit, and scored many knockouts with a short right as an amateur, but his main reliance was on the swift-countering, stabbing left, which he always maintained was not sufficiently appreciated by modern boxers.

One of his favorite ring heroes was Peter Jackson, Australia's great Negro heavyweight. It was Lonsdale, who, when President of the London National Sporting Club, was responsible for bringing Jackson to England to fight the latter's countryman and rival, Frank (Paddy) Slavin before that organization. They met on May 30, 1892, and Jackson knocked out his opponent in ten rounds. His Lordship, in common with the most prominent members of the National, considered that battle the greatest slugging match ever staged by the club, as well as a peerless exhibition of fine science on the part of Peter, and that verdict still holds good among veterans living today who witnessed it.

Both men were then in their prime and rival claimants for the heavyweight championship of Australia, where there was a Jackson following and a Slavin party, both boosting their respective favorites to the limit. Official record books list Slavin as having had the worst of a bar room scrap with Jackson at Sydney, before either man had left the antipodes.

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IN his "Black Prince Peter" novel, already discussed, Mr. Hales, Australia's noted sports-scribe, gives a spirited description of that tavern brawl, which, according to his account, finished with honors even. I have heard several veteran sportsmen from "way down yonder" speak of that affair, and their opinions were about fifty-fifty as to whether Paddy or Peter was the better. But the question as to which ranked as top-dog was very definitely settled by the National Sporting Club battle, although Peter had his work cut out for him and there were many moments when Slavin looked like a winner.

In his memoirs Lord Lonsdale asserts Slavin took boxing lessons from Jackson. That story was published in American newspapers when Slavin first came to this country in 1890, but Paddy always contradicted it and said he and Jackson never put up their hands against each other until they mixed in that barroom rough-and-tumble. On that occasion, Slavin maintained he held his own. Admitting that he had never liked Jackson personally, the "Sydney Cornstalk," as his admirers called him, yet frankly acknowledged the Negro boxer's superb fighting ability.

Lord Lonsdale justly refers to little Jimmy Wilde as a boxing marvel, and mentions Jack Johnson, Jim Jeffries, Tommy Burns, Georges Carpentier, Bombardier Billy Wells, Sam Langford, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney as ring stars of modern times who made a great impression upon him.

Unquestionably, the celebrated and popular peer did more than any other man in the United Kingdom to guard the rights of boxers and advance the interests of pugilism. In that respect he stood alone as a fearless pioneer who spared neither time nor money on a game that was something far more than a mere hobby from his point of view. You might call it a sort of sport-religion and not be far from hitting the mark.

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AWARDING the Lonsdale championship belts, a custom he kept up to the day of his death, was the biggest boost given to boxing in the British Isles in a decade. Only British fighters could compete for these trophies, which included all classes, from flyweight to heavyweight. The belts were first donated in 1909.

When a mitt-slinger won a Lonsdale belt, he was compelled to defend it against any legitimate challenger, or forfeit possession. If he succeeded in winning it three times he became its permanent owner. To be a Lonsdale belt-winner put the hall-mark of superiority on the lucky victor and greatly increased his value as a gate-attraction. As a spur to native ambition and the development of fistic talent, there was nothing to equal the potency of those trophy-awards. A permanent belt-holder, at the age of fifty, obtained a weekly life-pension of five dollars.

Way back in the hazy past when fistic champions fought for a mere pittance in comparison with the huge sums stars of the Queensberry arena pull down today, gold and diamond-studded belts were the big prize of the battle. Many times the belts were worth far more than the winner's purse.

In 1860, when the great International fight between Tom Sayers and Heenan was staged at Farnborough, England, and resulted in a world-wide scandal, the British sportsmen who offered a belt to the winner, insisted that Sayers receive the award. Americans, backed by the owner of *Wilke's Weekly*, published in this country, claimed the belt for Heenan.

The contest was called a draw after the forty-second round, when the ring was broken into by a mob for the purpose of saving Sayers, who appeared to be on the verge of defeat. In an attempt to satisfy all hands, it was suggested that a replica of the original belt be made and awarded to Heenan, but the latter turned down the proposal. Heenan insisted he had won, and was entitled to the trophy. But he finally agreed, at a dinner given in honor of both pugilists, to permit Sayers to remain in possession of the trophy.

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THE most famous and costly of all belts was that donated by Richard K. Fox for the Sullivan-Kilrain battle in 1889 with bare knuckles, won by heavyweight champion John L., in 75 rounds. Sullivan, who was on bad terms with Fox, referred to it as "The Dog Collar," but nevertheless accepted it. Later, when his finances were in poor shape, Sullivan pawned the belt. In 1926, years after John L. disposed of it, the trophy was melted up in the Mint at Philadelphia, it having been purchased by somebody from a collector in need of funds.

In 1888, when Sullivan and Charley Mitchell fought a 39-round draw at Chantilly, France, a belt donated by British sports was given to Mitchell. That belt, solid silver, weighing 27 pounds, beautifully embossed, cost $10,000. During the First World War it was raffled by the British in aid of wounded soldiers, and brought in nearly $1,200,000 from 1914 to 1920. It was later in the possession of Ted Broadribb who was its last purchaser and in 1925 he turned it over to Nat Fleischer.

When the editor brought it to this country, Uncle Sam made him pay a custom's duty of $625 because the Solicitor General ruled that it no longer was a trophy since Mitchell had relinquished claim to it and was now an article of commodity. It is now in THE RING Magazine's collection of noted fistic trophies.

In 1919 Tex Rickard revived the belt-presentation custom when he gave Jack Dempsey one when Jack knocked out Willard for the title, and awarded similar trophies to other boxers. In 1923 the Boxing Writers' Association presented belts to Benny Leonard, undefeated lightweight champion, and Jack Dempsey.

Rickard continued giving out belts up to and including 1924, when he quit. Nat Fleischer took over where Tex left off and up to the present time has awarded 116 belts to title-winners. But the method he employs differs widely from the Lonsdale system, and covers a far wider range. The nobleman's edict allowed only British boxers to benefit by the gifts, each of which, as already stated, had to be fought for three times by winners.

The Fleischer awards go to every boxer who wins a championship, regardless of nationality, and each belt at once becomes the permanent property of each victor, without his having to do any more slugging for its possession. Among foreign glove wielders who have gained these American trophies may be mentioned Al Brown, Negro, of Panama, bantam; Eugene Criqui, French featherweight, and Max Schmeling, German heavyweight.

These belt presentations ceased temporarily with the outbreak of the present war and will not be resumed until its close. Those pugilists who have won championship titles since the fateful day of the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor will then receive their trophies.

Boxing's Loss, Army's Gain

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minus his shoes and promptly polished off his opponent regardless of his naked feet.

The sports scribes immediately caught up the idea and nicknamed him the "Barefoot Boy" and the "Shoeless Kid."

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LATE in 1936 Johnny turned pro and then started to count his wins in earnest. By the time he was inducted into the Army he had a professional record in his welterweight class of 45 wins, six draws.

As an amateur, Johnny smashed his way into the semi-finals in the 1935 Golden Gloves tourney at Detroit. Early the following year he was the runner-up in the Diamond Belt contest, and also garnered the honors in his weight at the Detroit Industrial tourney.

The "Barefoot Boy" was beating a path to the top in the Hollywood ring when the Army called and he answered in September 1942. He has a younger brother George, now an Aviation Cadet at Santa Ana, California.

Since coming to the Army, Private Holewski has become a much depended-upon man. Art, of the oil painting variety, has always been his hobby, hence the Medical Corps found that his knowledge of the human body and its muscles, plus a flare for painting was just the right combination for an anatomical artist. This has been his assignment since coming into the Army. In addition to this duty he is also the detachment physical training instructor. He spends several hours every day seeing to it that the men in his "outfit" keep fit.

Recently Holewski has taken over the job of being coach and instructor for the Douglas Army Air Field Boxing Team.

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ARTIE DORRELL, formerly of Troup, Tex., one of the top ten welterweight ringsters of the nation, is now in cadet training at Majors Field pilot school. A veteran of 59 professional fights, Cadet Dorrell won 21 via the kayo route, another 34 by decisions. He has lost only four professional bouts and those by decisions.

He began his fistic career back in 1934, and in the next four years won eight amateur state titles, one national title and one international title. The latter was won in 1937 at the Pan-American games between North and South America and Cuba staged at Dallas.

In 1938, representing Tyler, Tex., Artie battled his way to the Texas Golden Glove championship.

Turning pro under the management of Eddie Walker, Dorrell won thirty straight fights before losing a decision to the veteran Pete DeRuzza. He was picked by New York sports writers in 1941 as America's best welterweight prospect.

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Indianapolis in the third.

Pvt. Benny Droll, 162, Peoria, Ill., added Pvt. Harry Miller, 161, to his winning column by whipping the Philly boy by a decision in three.

Pfc. King Tut Tabor made it nine straight when he beat Cpl. Lafayette Drummond. Drummond recently beat E.T.O. 175-pound champ Bill Kingsland.

Pvt. Lawrence Dobbins, 154, Cleveland, cut Cpl. John Kaczynaski's eye in the first and was awarded a T.K.O. over the 150-pound Pittsburgh fighter.

Sgt. Johnny Jones, 170, Muskogee, Okla., beat Pvt. Tom Walbert, 165, Cumberland, Md.

Pvt. Jerry Pecararo, 128, New York, whipped a good lad in the person of Pvt. John Brazee, 123, New York.

Pvt. Tony Ponterella, 170, New York, beat Sgt. Robert Grant, 179, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Cpl. H. Keith Voorhees, 138, Ventura, Cal., outpointed Pvt. Clement Marrone, 141, of Cleveland.

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THE American boxing team again whipped the Canadian team in a show held at the Casino, Tag's Island, Hampton Court, on March 29th. The Yanks had beaten the Canucks once before on March 14th.

Sgt. Primitivo Molina, E.T.O. bantamweight champ, suffered his first setback over here when he met Gunner Jack Billings, 118, of Ontario.

Gunner Joe Marsh, 162, Montreal, beat the man he had previously lost to, and won an easy decision over Pvt. Lafayette Drummond.

Pfc. Lawrence Dobbins, 155, Cleveland Negro, beat Gunner Harry Baltin, 159, Montreal, in 3.

Pvt. Sammy Johnson, 147, Jacksonville, Fla., stopped Gunner Cliff Gupp, 156, Ontario, in two cantos.

Pvt. Frank Brezowicz, 158, Trenton, N. J., beat Sgt. Norm Dawson, 159, Vancouver.

Pvt. William Wright, 145, Youngstown, Ohio, won over Cpl. Gordon Woodhouse, 146, Vancouver.

Pvt. Art Persley, 142, New York, halted Gunner Ray McGourty, 147, Toronto.

Pvt. Herb Williams, New Orleans Negro, added another K.O. to his list when he put away Pvt. George Brass, 134, of Saskatchewan in two rounds.

Pfc. Ray Wyzykiewicz, 126, Buffalo, whipped Bombardier George Brabant, 136, also of Saskatchewan.

Gunner David "Lucky" Abraham, 170, Nova Scotia, outpointed Pvt. Tom Imbese, 168, New York.

Pvt. Leo Matriciani, 210, Baltimore, beat Pvt. Al Hayes, 203, Montreal.

The 8th Service Command championships were held in Cambridge on March 29. Clement Marrone and Al Dekan had to fight twice to capture their titles. Dekan won both by kayoes. Crowton won his title by default.

Final winners were:

125 pounds—Jerry Pecararo, New York.
135 pounds—Jimmy McColgan, Philadelphia.
145 pounds—Clement Marrone, Cleveland.
155 pounds—Al Dekan, Providence, R. I.
165 pounds—"King Tut" Tabor, Oakland, Cal.
175 pounds—Harry Miller, Philadelphia.
Heavy—Don Crowton, Seattle, Wash.

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A SOUTHEASTERN BASE, March 29—In the feature bout of a 10-bout card Sgt. Tony Tenore, 144½, of Newark, N. J., whipped Cpl. Joe Lindsay, 144, San Antonio, Texas, to take a sectional title. Straight lefts by Tenore shook up Lindsay badly. Lindsay was floored in the second and again in the third. Although Tenore was the smarter and better hitter, Lindsay lasted the distance.

Pvt. Joe Luciano, 149, Hoboken, N. J., took a hairline decision over the base favorite, Pfc. Harry Conroy, 148, Cleveland. Luciano was the aggressor and harder hitter but could do little effective hitting against the elusive Conroy until the third in which round he forged ahead. This bout had a touch of class to it and was beautiful to watch.

Cpl. George Smagler, 156, Bronx, N. Y., a terrific hitter, threw left- and right-hand grenades at game Pvt. Johnny Chavez, 157, Yuma, Ariz., that halted Chavez in the opening frame. Smagler's blows were just too hard for the tough Arizona boy.

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What promised to be a vicious slugfest between Pfc. Grady Crumpton and Sgt. Noel Newberg, 162, Borger, Texas, ended abruptly when Newberg broke his left thumb. There was little to choose between the two while the fighting was going on.

Cpl. Sal Guajardo was too good for Pfc. Joe Gravelle, 136, Waterville, Me., and the bout was halted at the end of the first. Gravelle, fighting his first bout, did well but was overmatched.

Cpl. David Morganelli, 185, of New York City, kayoed Pvt. Leonard Stoker, 182, of Cray, Alaska, in the third. This was a dock brawl with vicious punches being thrown by both. Morganelli knocked down Stoker twice in the second but the Indian wouldn't take a count. In the third, after staggering his foe, Morganelli clubbed Stoker with several dynamic rights which ended the fray.

Pfc. Joe Hilliard, 163, Miami, fighting his first fight, looked promising in whipping tough Cpl. Bob Eslinger, 161, of Philly. The rangy Miami boy does everything well and it was only because Eslinger was so tough that he lasted the distance.

Pfc. John Palladino, 159, Corona, N. Y., stopped Cpl. John Gallegos, 162, Denver, in the second. Gallegos had a bad hand before he entered the ring and against Palladino he needed both hands. Palladino was a tired fighter when the bout ended.

Cpl. D. Jose, 143, Hollywood, Cal., won the decision over Cpl. Billy Willis, 144, Odessa, Mo. Both were beginners. Jose took the first two rounds. Willis came back gamely in the third even though it was discovered after the fight that he had broken his thumb.

Cpl. Jimmy Burns, 131, Strutters, Ohio, beat Cpl. Don Kerkindal, 138, of Kansas, in the opener.

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THE Airborne boxers battled to the semi-finals of their title bouts on March 30th. We give you the better-known winners:

Sgt. Stan Stockins, 146, Chicago, outpointed Pvt. Ernie Derho, 155, South Bend, Ind.

Pvt. Andy Sfrisi, 172, Philadelphia, recent winner over Vince Kozak, E.T.O. heavyweight champ, made short work of Pvt. Kenneth Osborne, Gregory, Mich., stopping him in 55 seconds of the first.

Pvt. Glen Reed, 184, Akron, Ohio, stopped Pvt. George Salakovich, 184, Chisholm, Mich., in the first.

Pvt. Ben McIntosh, 126, Pawnee, Okla., beat Pfc. Paul Pinkston, 126, Portland, Ore., by decision in 3.

Pfc. Pete Morelli did the strong-man act by copping two titles in the finals of an Ack-Ack unit boxing tourney held at a southeastern town March 31st. Morelli, a 175-pounder from Stockton, Cal., and California Golden Glove champ in 1941, chilled Pvt. Walter Unsoll, 175, Steubenville, Ohio, in 1:10 of the second to take the light-heavy title. Then after a four-bout intermission, he took on and stopped Pvt. Walter Munch, 210, New Orleans, in the third frame, thus adding the heavy title for the evening's work.

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PVT. JIMMIE DUNN, Mexican boxer, who held the featherweight title of the 5th, 6th and 7th Service Commands back in the states, added another title by stopping Pvt. James Bergstrom, 122, of Elkhart, Ind., in 15 seconds of the second round, in a mixed unit tourney held in a Southern town on March 31st.

Pvt. Bill Bannick, hard-hitting 141-pounder from Springfield, Mass., made it three kayoes in as many starts when he stopped Pvt. William Coonahan of New York in 55 seconds, during the finals of a tourney held at a Field Force Headquarters, March 31st. The day previous in the semi-finals, Bannick had stopped Pvt. Vic Salvas, 146, Berlin, N. H., brother of Leo Salvas the former New Hampshire state champ, in the exact time—55 seconds; while six days before that he put away Pfc. William Romano of New Orleans in three.

Pvt. Caesar Romero, 156, Los Angeles, beat Cpl. Sal Difini, 152, of the Bronx, by decision in three. In the semi-final the night before Romero had stopped T/5 Howard Eckel, 152, of Brooklyn, in round 3.

Pvt. Moon Mullins, 134, Birmingham, Ala., halted Cpl. Robert Darrow in the second of another feature.

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THE coffers of the Prisoners of War Fund were swelled to a grand amount when an East Anglian Base on March 31, put on a boxing and novelty show which filled the giant hangar. Not only were four boxing bouts on display, but a wrestling match, battle royal, girl entertainer and several raffles added to the entertainment.

The British have reason to believe the Yanks are a queer race when they will pay 9 and 10 pounds for a pair of silk stockings, 2½ pounds for a 25-cent lipstick and almost any price you can mention for a case of beer. Crazy or not, the Yanks, in their own way, got the money. There must have been 1,000 pounds ($4,000) taken in this show alone. And the man who arranged the show was none other than the roving announcer, Joe Molinari.

The entertainer, wrestlers, etc., were all right, but the fans grew restless until the boxing went on.

In the best of the four bouts, Sgt. Al Altman came from behind to beat S/Sgt. Virgil Smith, 148, Okemah, Okla. The fight was about even until the second when Al was floored by a hard left-hook near the close of the round. In the third, Altman went to work with a vengeance and gave Smith a lacing.

Cpl. Glen Seibel, 161, San Diego, Cal., just nosed past S/Sgt. Reginald Dietzel, 155, Alexandria, La. Dietzel kept Seibel away during the first two rounds by using a left jab and footwork to evade Seibel's hard swings. Dietzel tired in the third and Seibel was able to tag him solidly more often.

Cpl. Harold Gary, 198, Oklahoma City, Okla., stopped Cpl. Harry Smith, 192, Maspeth, N. Y., in 2. Gary knocked Smith through the ropes in the second and Smith didn't answer the bell for the final round.

Pfc. George Heusner, 147, North Bergen, N. J., outpunched Cpl. Alex Jedrisico, 145, Gowanda, N. Y., in the opening bout.

The Ring's Honor Roll

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fight, is a strong supporter of the program which Dempsey carries out with the Coast Guard. Paul hopes shortly to be able to get back in the fight game and because of that, he has kept himself in perfect physical condition.

Wyatt comes from Oklahoma. He is the son of a Negro and Indian and his father is a preacher. Paul is a good boxer and a fairly hard hitter. He is a heavyweight and is eager to get some action against our best heavyweights for a war charity and Dempsey is willing to back him if such a contest were made possible.

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HUGH MURPHY

HUGH MURPHY, who hails from South Carolina, has been in the army for upwards of two years. He got his basic training at Fort Bragg then was transferred to the M.P. Detachment at Fort Dix, where he was stationed for about six months before being transferred to Camp Kilmer, where he is now stationed. Though Murphy has never before boxed, he took lessons from Cpl. Nat Lehrer, Kilmer's boxing instructor, and today he is regarded an excellent prospect. He has mastered the technique of boxing, can hit sharply and is a good boxer. At this writing, he has engaged in 16 bouts. In his camp contests he has won seven by knockouts and two by decisions. As a pro he has had six fights, and won five by kayoes and one by decision.

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SGT. CARL A. SCALISE

THE promotion from corporal to sergeant of Carl A. Scalise of Barnesboro, Pa., Pennsylvania state amateur boxing champion in 1928 and an outstanding professional lightweight in later years, was announced recently at this Eighth AAF Flying Fortress heavy bombardment division headquarters in England. He is now serving as a cook for the men who help direct and study Flying Fortress bombing attacks on enemy war industries and military and Nazi-held Europe.

During his professional boxing career, which extended from 1930 until 1939, Sgt. Scalise was a prominent lightweight contender in fights at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago and New York City. He won a decision over Jack (Kid) Berg of England, and had a draw bout with Billy Wallace at Cleveland.

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Ruffin Coaches at Sibert

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duty two years ago, Maj. Douglas operated a boxing club in Chicago where he helped to develop Barney Ross and Tony Zale during their earlier days in the ring.

In boosting the camp bouts, Maj. Douglas is assisted by Cpl. Phil Caminiti. Capt. George Sargeant and Sgt. George Keller are others who have figured prominently in making the program successful.

Encouraged by expert coaching, a galaxy of leather-chuckers have come to the fore to demonstrate their ability in the squared circle at Camp Sibert. One of the lads had no actual boxing experience prior to entering the ring after his induction in the Army.

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NOW that he has a good start, he is recognized as such a promising prospect that he might consider boxing as a livelihood after the war is over. Pvt. Mike Riccardi is the young hopeful's name. Riccardi is from North Bergen, New Jersey. Now a featherweight, he might grow into a first rate lightweight or welter. A shifty boy with a good left and much durability, he has been the victor in eight of ten bouts since he began fighting.

Pvt. Anthony Ponzi, a light-heavyweight, was a novice Golden Glover in Chicago. Since getting into uniform, he has won nine of twelve bouts in the service. Lightweight Billy Campbell had past experience too in Golden Gloves competition. Billy, who has twice appeared in exhibitions with Bobby Ruffin, is a hard worker determined to make some headway in boxing. Sgt. James Thunderdale, who injured his hand in outpointing Ponzi, is another outstanding ringman, and Pvt. Eddie McGraw, 135 pounds, is a 29-year-old veteran of amateur clubs in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Other Sibert fistic stars include Pvt. Jack Cronley, 135 pounds; Pvt. Elmer Laughner, 147 pounds; Pvt. Salvatore Cimino, 147 pounds; Cpl. Warren Wood, 175 pounds; Pvt. Earl Johnson, 160 pounds; Pvt. John Kovach, heavyweight, and Pvt. Carl May, heavyweight.

With the patronage it is getting at Camp Sibert, Alabama, boxing can claim a forerunning spot in service athletics.

Jeff-Sharkey Bout

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"TOM came back strong in the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth, and, though weakened greatly by Jeff's vicious blows, he continued to fight with all the devilish fire he could put into the twenty-fifth round.

"With but a few seconds to go in the twenty-fifth and final round, the lacings of Jeffries' left glove became loosened and the glove fell from his taped fist to the floor of the ring. Siler came to the rescue and tried to pull on the glove, while Sharkey danced around back of him. Tom made a smash at Jeffries, and the latter, to protect himself, shook the glove off again and parried the blow with his naked hand. He did not try to strike a blow with it, however, and the gong sounded.

"Referee Siler took Jeffries by the hand and pointed to him as the winner. Sharkey was chagrined, for the worst that he had expected was a draw and he and Tom O'Rourke let out a yell that the decision was most unfair to the Sailor. However, in the writer's opinion, no other decision could have been rendered, despite the big points advantage Sharkey had gained in the early rounds. The condition of the men at the finish, testified to the correctness of the verdict.

Sharkey had felt the terrible turn of the tide after the twentieth round. Bravely he tried to beat it back, but he had spent his strength in the first hour's fighting, and he gave the champion his stoutest defense which while brilliant, weakened every second as the fight neared its finish. Jeff cast to the winds the wiles of the game and fought as foes did in the ancient days.

"It was in the final five rounds that Sharkey assimilated enough punishment to end his days as a ring star. Jeffries had waited an hour for the word to bring his batteries to bear. Now that the chance came, he did not want to waste a single instant of the chance to punish Sharkey.

In the final round of the fight Sharkey was showered by swings. A right hand punch spat on his jaw and he floundered to the floor, but barely had he gone down, ere he was on his feet fighting as furiously as ever. Jeff bored in to finish him. The sailor reeled and staggered, but kept punching, still trusting in his strength to beat off the foe who pressed him.

It was a great contest, one of the toughest, cruelest ever staged with a title at stake.

Jeff and Tom are both living in California. They are the closest of friends. They are still around, happily, to tell about the fight, to banter about it. And they know it was as tough as fights come.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

FREDDY DAWSON, crack Negro lightweight of Chicago, was the most outstanding fighter in this section the past month. In successive starts at the Arcadia Arena, he stopped Bill Grier of Detroit and Lester "Cueball" Young of Philadelphia.

Kayo Morgan, Detroit veteran featherweight, played to another packed house at Arcadia, and had little trouble disposing of Jose Rizera of Puerto Rico.

Petey Bolos, hard-hitting Syrian feather, continued his rise the past month, outpointing Willie Anderson in Flint, and easily outclassing the Mexican, Alex Jiminez, at Arcadia.

Johnny Ryan, 152-pound protege of Al DeNapoli, has been keeping very busy. In a Chicago bout he drew with Johnny Eaton.

Our commission was kept busy the past month, what with charges, counter charges, etc., being made by one and then another of the fight brethren.

Of interest to all is that Young Kid McCoy, recently released from the Army Air Corps, where he held the rank of sergeant, has been breaking in as a referee. A kidney disorder caused McCoy to abandon the ring as an active participant, but he will attempt to keep his hand in as a referee.

Jimmy Murray is still trying to put Flint back on the map. After getting off to a pretty fair start with Bobby McIntire and Jimmy Joyce, Murray played to a handful of customers, his second show. As this is being written, he has Ossie "Bulldog" Harris opposed to Jimmy Mandell, with the ever-popular Jake LaMotta refereeing a preliminary. The absence of local talent makes Flint a very difficult town in which to get started.

Merle Richards may have been taking a slight rest the past month, as his crew of crowd pleasers failed to experience the strenuous activity of recent months. Johnny Vorce, veteran light-heavy, has been turning in brilliant performances to rank as the head of the Richards stable.

Jack "Scotty" Strachan has been drawing good crowds at the Arcadia Arena. He has been using the best of the local talent, as this column predicted he would, and is making the Arcadia a swell spot. Kayo Morgan has been his outstanding attraction to date.

BALTIMORE, MD., FISTIC FARE

By NATE PHILLIPS

THE Century Club presented Cleo Shans and Ellis Phillips in the main setto of ten rounds and Cleo went into this battle as a prohibitive favorite of one to six, but that made no difference to Ellis. He tore into Cleo for the first two rounds and had the betting gentry on uneasy street for a time. But Cleo went to work on Phillips in the third and had Ellis wobbly on several occasions. Cleo won the remainder of the rounds to carry off the unanimous duke.

Maxie Starr hooked up with Bobby Gunther in one set for eight and after Maxie had taken the first two with a relentless body attack, Bobby uncorked a right hand flush to Maxie's jaw and down went Max for the full count.

In a six, Don Bacala won over Joe Woodley, and in fours, Jim Fitzpatrick belted out Al White in the second, Eddie Davis won over Lester O'Brien, and Bobby Driscoll and Young Beau Jack fought one of the best fights on the card, with the verdict a draw. These boys were immediately rematched.

At the same club, Curtis "Hatchetman" Sheppard and Buddy Walker hooked up in the main go set for ten rounds. Buddy was out in front by the proverbial mile, when near the end of the eighth, a right to Buddy's jaw sent him down to be counted out in a fight that he could have won if he would have taken it easy the last two rounds. But Buddy wanted to mix it, and mix it he did, with the result that Sheppard's winning streak here is still intact.

In sixes, Joey Longo won a return go from Young Lee Q. Murray, and Joe Donofrio won by a T.K.O. over Peppy Brown in the fifth. Peppy couldn't come out for the last round. In fours, Stoney Jackson and Speedy Williams fought to a draw, Young Beau Jack won over Bobby Driscoll, and Irish Jim McKim won over James Fitzpatrick.

The Century Club had a double wind-up of ten rounds each. In one bout, Howard Bennett stopped Tarzan Roy via a T.K.O. when he cut Roy's eye. In the second ten, Sammy Daniels, making his first start as a main bout performer before his home towners, won the duke over Cat Robinson in a very good fight that the fans seemed to enjoy. In a six, Bee Bee Washington stopped Ira Johnson in the fifth round, and two fours completed the card.

The Century Club showed another local lad in the feature set for ten rounds, namely Bucky Taylor, who was pitted against Carmine Fatta. In the first round, won by Fatta, Taylor was on the deck but managed to beat the count, only to be belted out in the second for the full count.

In the eight-round semi, Buddy Thomas won over the durable Felix Del Paoli, and in a six, in which both boys bled profusely, Johnny Ditto and Joe Donofrio fought to a draw.

In fours, Nick Manfredo belted out James Fitzpatrick in the first, Harry Fleming kayoed Eddie Williams in the first, and Bobby Driscoll won over Eddie Davis.

To a near capacity house, the Century Club showed Curtis "Hatchetman" Sheppard and Tony Shucco in the feature event of ten rounds. Sheppard went right after his foe from the start and stopped Tony with a blow on the whiskers in the fifth.

In sixes, Freddie Beshore won handily over Dan Biggers; Joey Longo, still in the win column and ready to enter the Navy, won over Charlie Fleming, and Bobby Driscoll won over Joe Woodley, while in fours, Tiger Fox won over James Fitzpatrick, and Lorenzo Gill belted out Lou Phillips in the third round of a Pier 6 brawl.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

GUNNAR BARLUND, the stout-hearted Finnish heavyweight, a champion globe trotter of the ring, made a spectacular fight to win a 12-round decision over clever Buddy Scott, Tampa, Fla., heavyweight, at the Coliseum Arena, on May 1. Lester Krell's 203-pounder had lost a ten-round verdict to Scott on March 20. It was a close battle and many of the fans disagreed with the decision in their first battle. Barlund and Manager Krell insisted on a return route contest and Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond, sensing a natural, paired them over the 12-round distance.

In the six-round semi-final, Bernard Docusen, former national amateur bantamweight champion, undefeated in the professional ranks, gave one of the most masterful exhibitions of boxing a youngster has displayed here since the days of Joe Mandot.

Docusen, weighing 130 pounds, spotted the experienced Pete Sanchez, Houston, Tex., 14½ pounds and won every round. Pete Baird, boxing critic of the *Times-Picayune*, raved over Docusen's performance and called him the best youngster New Orleans has produced since Mandot.

With Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond the guiding spirits in boxing here, the fans are getting real high-class bouts.

Pat Saia, Philadelphia, Pa., welterweight, and Bennie Evans, Oklahoma City, Okla., engaged in the hardest fought ten-round bout witnessed at Galveston, Tex., in years on the night of May 3.

Saia, who is managed by Whitey Esnault and this writer, lost a hairline decision to Evans. Both were badly cut at the finish and will be laid up for at least a month. Evans holds a decision over Paul Altman, Houston, Tex.

Promoter Frankie Edwards will sign them for a return match as soon as their injuries heal. Jack Proctor, sports editor of the Galveston *Tribune*, said it was the best fight the island fans have witnessed in a decade.

Edwards, nationally known as one of the best promoters in the game, has revived boxing in Galveston by even matches.

Lew Raymond, matchmaker for Promoter Louis Messina, made the trip to Galveston, Tex., to witness the Saia-Evans fight. On his return Raymond stopped off at Houston, Tex., where Ralph Smith is promoting at the City Auditorium and drawing nice houses. Bill Davee, Houston, Tex., manager, has a good stable headed by Paul Altman. Raymond contacted several managers in Houston for fighters to use in New Orleans for Promoter Louis Messina.

The Negro fights are drawing well for Promoter Louis Messina. Louis Cathard, well known local Negro sports figure, is Messina's matchmaker for these shows. On Friday, May 12, Messina presented Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill., and Charley Parham, the Detroit, Mich., dynamiter, in the ten-round feature bout.

Messina can be contacted by managers at the Gypsy Tea Room, 1432 St. Ann Street, New Orleans, La. Lew Raymond, who makes the white matches for Messina, can be contacted at the Lynrose Hotel, 508 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, La.

Down at Keesler Field in Mississippi, 50 miles from New Orleans, former welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic and Jimmy Bivins, the Cleveland, O., Negro light-heavyweight, are stationed. Augie Camarata, former New Orleans fighter and brother of Nick Camarata, writes me from the South Pacific where Augie is in the navy that he is running out of Japs. Raymond Giefers, Jr., is also in the navy and was home on a furlough. His father was a famous New Orleans lightweight, who fought under the name of "Red" Dolan. "Red" is now on the local detective force.

Eddie Brunn, well-known trainer, has returned from California. He is managing a stable of fighters headed by Gene Smith, a good lightweight prospect. Pete Hearty, former local boxing writer under Fred Digby on the *Item*, has been in the Aleutian Islands for over 16 months. Eddie Walker turned down a match for Chalky Wright with Freddie Dawson because Dawson would not make 132 pounds.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

GREAT LAKES, ILL.—Men from 12 states participated in the 21st Regiment boxing show at the Great Lakes, Ill., training station. Jimmy Cole, Inver Grove, Minn., and Novice Champion in St. Paul scored a T.K.O over Kenneth Hodge of Flint, Mich., in the feature bout. Cole weighed 140 and Hodge 147. Cole has won five straight fights at the Great Lakes and is a rough, tough kid.

Max Boyce, Mankato, Minn., boxing manager, has a number of good fighters who appear on all the cards over the state. Here is a list of some of them: Johnny Wittrock and Tom Doyle, bantamweights; Dick Mayes, featherweight; John Stevermier, lightweight; Dick Newberg, middleweight; and Glenn Spotts, heavyweight.

Pvt. Orville McCann, lightweight from St. Paul, has five times defended his lightweight championship against all comers at the weekly boxing shows at Keesler Field, Miss. He is a former Golden Glover from St. Paul, 23 years old, and is an Air Mechanic student at the country's greatest Air Corps Tech school there.

Curley Ullrich, former boxer and referee, and winner of the *Police Gazette* contest for the best referee a few years back, is now the boxing promoter at Superior, Wis. He is associated with the old master, Mike Collins. Address them at Baratoga Hotel, Superior, Wis.

Don Bruno, Owatonna, Minn., manager, has a good welterweight in Johnny Dudley. Emmett Yanes, bantamweight boxer, is now in Italy. He won four fights on the way over aboard ship. Emmett enlisted in the Army over two years ago.

Bob Pearson from Duluth, Minn., won the middleweight title at Camp Bacon.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 28—Lou Nova, 208, continued on the comeback trail when he knocked out Hank Postaway, Camp McCoy, Wis., in the fifth round of a ten-rounder. Postaway weighed in at 178. He led Nova on points when the end came. The soldier ran into a solid right hook to the jaw and went down for the count. It was the only knockdown of the fight. In the best fight of the night, Billy Smith of Minneapolis gained a six-round decision over Kid Carson, Chicago. Smith weighed 133 and Carson, 135. Del Cockayne, Des Moines, 135, knocked out Dickie Miller, 136, Peoria, Ill., in the first round. Frank Androff, Minneapolis, 197, knocked out Enoch McLain, Chicago, 204, in the second round. Don Brouillard, Minneapolis, 188, knocked out Lou Campbell, Chicago, 195, in the first round. Larry Watson, Omaha, Neb., 189, won a technical knockout over Bucky Jackson, Albert, La., in the third round. Jackson weighed 179.

April 19, St. Paul Auditorium, Minn.—Joe Stepka, St. Paul Northwest Golden Glove middleweight champion, lost the decision to Ray Spurlock, Kansas City middleweight, in the main event before a crowd of 2500 people. Other bouts resulted as follows: Don Raasch, St. Paul, 118, won the decision over Dick Plante, Minneapolis, 116, in three rounds. Wesley Robertson, 148, Minneapolis, won over Red Nelson, Rochester, Minn., 150, in three rounds. Rogert Weidel, St. Paul, 122, won from Jim McConville, Minneapolis, 122, in three rounds. Pat Tierney, Rochester, 118, won a close decision over Glen Flanagan, Minneapolis, 120, in three rounds. Jimmy O'Hara, St. Paul, 166, won the decision over Joe Cullen, St. Paul, 165, in three rounds. Bob Phillips, 154, St. Paul, punched out a decision over Joe Kissel, Minneapolis, 158, in three rounds. Erle Adkinson, St. Paul lightheavyweight, stole the show with his win over Charles Hensel, Montrose, Minn., heavyweight, in three rounds. Adkinson weighed 174, and Hensel, 184 pounds.

Send in your news for this column to Billy Colbert, Gibbons Gym, Hamm Building, before the fifth of the month. Don't forget to subscribe to THE RING and send it to the boys in the service.

Bill McMoore, the middleweight, is now in the service of Uncle Sam. Also Johnny De Otis, the popular referee, is at Camp Farragut, in the Navy. Johnny Tillman, a pretty good fighter in his day, who boxed everybody worth while twenty years ago, is a booster for Frank Androff, local Minneapolis heavyweight. Tillman is also Deputy Boxing Commissioner in the State. Solly Goldstein is the oldest of managers handling boxers in Minnesota. Solly is a credit to the game. He managed some of the best boxers in the state. Max Winter is now handling Hank Postaway, the Camp McCoy, Wis., heavyweight. Pat Sheehey from Minneapolis has retired from the pro game after engaging in five professional fights. Jack O'Brien is the matchmaker for the West End American Legion Boxing Club.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

KANSAS CITY scored two triumphs in the National A. A. U. boxing championship tournament in Boston, April 12th, with Major Jones, national Golden Gloves featherweight king, and Jackie Darthard, flyweight, winning from opponents.

Jones, who became the only Kansas City amateur ever to win both the National Golden Gloves and A. A. U. boxing championships in one season, scored a first-round knockout in the finals of the Boston tourney over Horace Tahbone, Oklahoma Indian. Darthard, the clever little Kansas City 112-pounder, outpointed Charles Pelasky of the Ft. Sill, Okla., Indian school in three rounds.

Ray Standifer, National Golden Gloves light-heavyweight champion from Cleveland, Ohio, and formerly from Wichita, Kansas, won in the A. A. U.'s light-heavyweight division.

A hand-picked contingent of Kansas City Golden Gloves champions shared honors with Haskell Institute's rugged mittmen in a nine-bout amateur boxing program presented by Mrs. Max Yeargain at Municipal Auditorium, Topeka, April 29th.

Major Jones, National Golden Gloves and A. A. U. flyweight champ, who was billed against Haskell's Vincent Foster to headline the all-star card, was unable to appear because of a severe cold. He was replaced by Jackie Darthard, Kansas City Golden Gloves and National A. A. U. champion, who scored a tough decision over Haskell's brilliant little Ray Atwood.

Atwood, who represented Haskell in the Chicago finals this year, charged his foe repeatedly in the second round, but fell victim to much jabbing and blocking by Darthard in the final, which lost him the decision. Darthard was judged the evening's most outstanding fighter and was presented a gold boxing trophy for his superb efforts.

Ray Spurlock, Kansas City Golden Gloves champ, stopped big Jim Hamilton of the Haskell team with a straight right-hand punch to the face early in the final round of their encounter, after the rugged brave had battered out a slight edge in the opening cantos with a two-fisted attack.

Pat Sands, 130-pound Haskellite, flattened Charley Bowers, 136, Kansas City, in round one of the opening event. The Indian moved in at the start, pegging his opponent to the canvas several times before laying him out on the ropes at the bell. Referee Dutch Geiser halted the affair.

Vincent Foster, cagy Haskell 134-pounder, outclassed Vert Gibson, Kansas City Negro welterweight, in one of the finals.

Matthew Johnson, methodical Topeka slugger, provided the most startling show of the night as he scored a near upset over Cpl. Herbie Kaye, the arrogant, clever Fort Riley welterweight.

After falling slightly behind in the opening round, Johnson ripped the rangy soldier with hard rights to the head and face. He continually forced the surprised Kaye to cover and was hammering him against the ropes at the bell. Kaye came back in the third to gain the narrowest decision of the evening.

George Lawrence, Haskell light-heavyweight, caught J. B. Haskin with a straight left in the third exchange of blows, downing the Kansas Citian three times before seconds tossed in the towel after 1.12 of the first round.

The results: Vince Foster, 142, Haskell, decisioned Vert Gibson, 148, Kansas City. Jackie Darthard, 120, Kansas City, decisioned Ray Atwood, 122, Haskell. Cpl. Herbie Kaye, 150, Fort Riley, decisioned Matthew Johnson, 156, Topeka. Robert Prock, 124, Haskell, decisioned Robert Davis, 120, Kansas City. C. B. Summers, 147, Haskell, decisioned Joe Haskin, 149, Kansas City. George Lawrence, 166, Haskell, kayoed J. B. Haskin, 165, Kansas City, 1:12 first. Ray Spurlock, 160, Kansas City, decisioned Jim Hamilton, 170, Haskell. Pat Sands, 130, Haskell, kayoed Charles Bowers, 136, Kansas City, end of first. Stanley Oberst, 144, Kansas City, decisioned Ernest Fishburn, 146, Topeka.

Wrestling News: Promoters George Simpson, Kansas City, Kansas, N. B. Stauffer, Wichita, Mrs. Max Yeargain, Topeka, Gust Karras, St. Joseph, Johnny Apt, Salina and Great Bend, report this season's attendance to mat entertainment to be the largest in several years.

Dave Levin, handsome New York matman, is the Midwest Wrestling Association's new world's heavyweight champion. Levin wrested the belt from Orville Brown in Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas, May 4th, in a finish match. The muscular gripster previously won the title from Ali Baba in 1936, but was out of the game for a time due to an injury received in the ring. His comeback this season has been star-studded with victories over some of the best wrestlers in the game.

Carlos Rodriquez, Mexico City wrestler who was popular in the Midwest before his entry into service, is currently stationed at the U.S.N.T.S., Farragut, where he instructs in jiu jitsu, judo and wrestling.

Mail wrestling and boxing news to Juanita Yeargain, 710 Monroe, Topeka, Kansas.

Owing to lack of space, the story

"Left Hook Artists"

advertised for this issue, was held out. It will appear in a subsequent number of THE RING.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By LESTER BROMBERG

THE annual spring advent of the circus to Madison Square Garden put the damper on big-time boxing in the big city. And this condition once more brought forcibly to mind the fact that New York, with its dependence on a single major arena, is worse off than a lot of smaller cities. However, "Broadcast from New York" is pleased to disclose that a project is in view to give this huge hamlet another sports auditorium of Garden size, which eventually would mean uninterrupted big-time fights year 'round.

At this time we're not privileged to divulge too many details. What we can say is that the arena will be centrally-located. Here's a tip for those who are good at guessing. It will be located within five minutes' walking distance of the Garden.

The auditorium will occupy the first few floors of a tremendous office building, which will be 70 or 80 stories high. Of course, the hall will include facilities for hockey and other skating events, basketball, track and field, as well as boxing.

Construction cannot be considered until vital building materials are available and this will have to await the end of the war. But, make no mistake, the arena is blue printed, the backers are ready to put up cash and everything's ready for the green light.

The builder will be—shucks, we shouldn't go this far, but you can make another guess: The builder will be a man who has amazed the world during this war with his ability to produce under pressure one of the things most vitally needed in the war effort.

. . . . Omigosh! Have we let the cat out of the bag?

With all the blackout and dimout restrictions lifted, metropolitan boxing expects a big summer season in the small clubs. Neighborhood clubs were permitted to operate last year but rules required them to erect special canopies to prevent glare going skyward.

At this writing, no definite major outdoor features have been planned by Mike Jacobs' Twentieth Century S.C. but the promoter has both New York parks (Brooklyn's Ebbets Field is not included) tied up for any dates he may care to use.

"Our Jim can lick that big bum any day" was the way Doc Robb used to put it before the fight and when Jim Braddock, the 10 to 1 shot, won the heavyweight championship from Max Baer everybody knew Doc had been right all the time.

Doc—florid-faced, gruff—was right about a lot of things in his career which came to an end recently with his death in New York. First trainer for Benny Leonard, handler of Willie Jackson and Gene Tunney, Robb tabbed all of these as greats long before the rest of the world recognized them.

Born Robert Lippman, the trainer was dubbed "Doc" by Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, because of his skill in repairing cuts, etc. Gibson had made Doc his first choice as Leonard's trainer but Doc went off to war in 1917 just before Benny won the lightweight championship from Freddie Welsh.

Doc was a good soldier, perhaps too good a soldier, because when he came back from France he still was suffering from the effects of gas poisoning. In fact, this disability left him hard of hearing and handicapped him for the rest of his life.

Robb, according to Ray Arcel, his contemporary and long-time friend, was a master teacher. The main reason was that Doc refused to work with more than a few fighters at one time. He felt he couldn't properly teach when rushed.

Doc never boxed and tried his hand at managing only once but he had a thorough knowledge of all aspects of the fight game.

As can be gleaned from his confidence in Braddock, Robb worshipped the ground Jim walked on. But those he didn't like soon heard from him. He was a square shooter and boxing sincerely will miss him.

Ridgewood Grove, one of New York City's oldest neighborhood Arenas, was put out of operation by a fire but Owner I. T. Flatto was so intent on getting the plant back into action that he had necessary repairs effected in a short time. The Grove reopened exactly two weeks after the blaze.

Incidentally, there must be something incendiary in the antics of wrestlers. The Grove conflagration occurred a couple of hours after a mat show. Two other arenas have caught fire on the nights of wrestling—the Bridgeport Mosque and the Holyoke Valley Arena. The latter, by the way, has been replaced by a new arena which has been described as a model in every respect.

Pvt. Meyer Ackerman, well known to Broadwayites, as well as RING Magazine readers, has been writing for the *Cavalier*, paper at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and one of his recent columns found him picking the Senators to win the American League flag and the St. Louis Cardinals to cop in the National League, with the Senators to capture world series honors. . . . The best baseball fan among New York fight managers is Meyer's old friend, Eddie Walker. . . . Staff Sgt. Charley Murphy, USMC, former New York *World-Telegram* printer's devil, writes that his squadron in North Carolina includes T/Sgt. Leo Bronzetti, 1940-41 heavyweight Golden Gloves star.

Paul Moss, former manager of Billy Soose, ex-middleweight champion, is a naval petty officer at a California base, his Broadway friends hear, while Soose, who put in a long stay in the Aleutians, is making good as an athletic officer at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. . . . Jose Basora returned from San Francisco recently and insisted that his loss to Holman Williams was as much due to climatic conditions as anything else. . . . "I was sluggish every minute I was there," claimed Jose. . . . A few Jacobs Beach boys cleaned up when Perk Daniels upset Turkey Thompson at Los Angeles a while back. . . . Chris Dundee, who booked Perk around the East, tipped him as a sure thing to upset the Turk.

New York film exchanges hear there shortly will be a movie on the life of John L. Sullivan, which is only fitting since Errol Flynn glorified the memory of Jim Corbett not so long ago. . . . Mike Belloise, ex-featherweight champion, has made four attempts to get into service and has been turned down four times. . . . Lew Niederreiter, 50 years old and a veteran of World War I, has just become a warrant officer. . . . Lew, brother of Andy, well known New York fight figure, is stationed in the South Pacific.

Bronx pals hear Harvey and Moe Weiss, Marine Corps Pfcs. and twin brothers, recently boxed at a South Pacific base and the look-alikes were seconded by two other twins, Wilbur and William Baron, hoofers in a variety show touring allied bases. . . . The biggest laugh of the hilarious affair, according to Correspondent Sergeant Bill Allen, came when the chaplain announced: "The winnah! Weiss" and pointed to both corners.

Jimmy Garrison, who has been campaigning on the West Coast and has fought the outstanding welters, has been reclassified and is now waiting a call to the army. . . . Richard "Honey Boy" Finnegan, former New England featherweight champion, is now a junior grade lieutenant in the Navy. He is stationed at Mare Island.

The California State Athletic Commission, following the release of the N.B.S. ratings, issued the following list of its title holders: heavyweight—Big Boy Bray; light-heavyweight—Red Niebert; middleweight—Charley Burley; welterweight—Jackie Wilson; lightweight—Ray Lunny; featherweight—Carlos Chavez; bantamweight—Tony Olivera and flyweight—Al Chavez.

California's sports critics are wondering how this rating was reached, since Bray has not fought for two years; Wilson is in the army overseas with Joe Louis; Al Chavez is a bantam and is in the army; Ortiz, the world lightweight king, isn't rated as state title holder. Strange, indeed!

Here are the outstanding fights of the month in New York and vicinity:

Santa Bucca, unbeaten Philadephia lightweight, went through his 22nd fight without defeat against Pete Lello, Gary, Ind., veteran, in an eight-round bout at St. Nick's, but it was a split decision and a rough evening for Bucca.

The judges disagreed and the verdict hinged on the vote of Referee Ruby Goldstein, who called it 4, 3 and 1.

Bucca, a sharp counter puncher, was clearly ahead after five rounds but Lello, a tried and true infighter, came on in the last three rounds. One of his body smashes sent Bucca down for no-count in the seventh.

The winner weighed 134 to Lello's 133½.

In another eight Roman Alvarez, East Side, 144¾, won from Doug Carter, Newark, 141, the latter spoiling his chances by holding and laying on top of his opponent without the slightest provocation.

Solomon Stewart, Providence, 144¾, was given a six-round decision over Lew Maxwell, Newark, 138, but the crowd didn't like the duke. Russ Regalbuto, Philadelphia, 132¾, knocked out George Knox, Newark, 129½, with a right to the chin at 2:06 in the fourth.

Charley Fuchs, Bronx, 152, defeated Jerry McGee, Harlem, 155, in an opening four.

Receipts were $4,074.

Only one New Yorker, Cecil Schoonmaker, a 112-pounder, captured a national A.A.U. ring crown at the championships at Boston. Schoonmaker, 17-year-old east-west Golden Gloves titleholder, polished off his final-round opponent in the first.

Broadway Arena was the scene of just 55 seconds of main event action as Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini, Youngstown, O., 143½, finished Richard (Tiger) Nelson, Washington, 146¼, in the opening round. But it was exciting while it lasted.

Nelson charged at Mancini at the opening bell and got in a few good wallops. Then Mancini caught him with a left hook. He went down solidly and was slow in getting up. Nelson reached his feet but Referee George Walsh had counted ten. The Tiger protested to no avail. It was all over.

Patsy Giordano, Ottawa, 145, whipped Sonny Wilson, Detroit, 149½, decisively in a six. Frankie Gromada, East Side, 138½, knocked out Hubert Winfield, Harlem, 132¾, in 1:21 of the second. Nick Toretto, West Side, 156½, won from Charley MacPherson, Harlem, 158, the latter being disqualified at 1:40 of the third.

In scheduled fours, Lee Black, Harlem, 156, flattened Noah Dean, Brooklyn, 151½, in 1:52 of the first and Sid Haber, Brownsville, 140, finished Erve Headley, Bushwick, in 2:31 of the last round.

A capacity crowd paid $4,359.

Bucky Taylor, Baltimore, 140¾, held Carmine Fatta, Newburgh, N. Y., 136½, to a draw in an eight-round headline event at Westchester County Center. Johnny Cool, Worcester, 140½, defeated Sammy Mammone, 141, Stamford, Conn., in six. All three other bouts resulted in knockouts: Joe Curcio, Newark, 149, over Nick Calder, Puerto Rico, 151, second round; Andy Faison, New York, 151, over Paterson Ryles, 146, Paterson, N. J., fourth, and Dominick Fussa, Puerto Rico, 161, over Steve Kish, 166¼, Garfield, N. J., first.

Morris Reif, Brownsville, 144½, ripped and smashed his way to a sixth-round knockout of lion-hearted Leo (Red) Brown, Detroit, 138, in a Broadway Arena feature slated for eight rounds. It was Reif's sixth straight knockout since leaving the Coast Guard.

Brown, giving away plenty of poundage for a lightweight, fought back gamely after twice being on the floor for nine in the first round. He was down in the second and again in the fourth.

He escaped hitting the deck in the fifth but towards the close of the sixth the solid-sending Reif crumpled him with a hook to the body. He was obviously hurt on this, the fifth knockdown, and Referee Jack Appel wisely halted the contest at 2:31 in the fourth round.

Wilfe Shanks, Montreal, 158, rallied in eight with Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn, 161, to get home in front. Frank Intieri, East New York, 145, twisted his right ankle and lost on a technical knockout to Johnny Guarino, same bailiwick and same weight, in 2:20 of the third.

Charley Noel, Brooklyn, was held to a draw by Bobby Henry, West Side, in a six but the former deserved an edge.

Leo Black, Harlem, 155, had the heavier guns in a four-round slugfest with Willie Gray, Detroit, 152, and Jerry McGee, Harlem, 155, scored over Charley Fuchs, Bronx, 155.

The show drew a full house, contributing $5,501.

Vic Pignataro, The Bronx, 137¾, scored a popular triumph over Jerry Darby, New York, 133½, in a top eight at Westchester County Center. In the semi-final Fred Schott, Akron, O., 208¼, knocked out John Thomas, Miami, 178½, in the second.

Coley Welch, Portland, Me., 164, slated to box at St. Nick's on the opening date last fall, finally reached the midtown arena and boxed a slashing eight with Vic Dellicurti, Harlem, 157¼, getting a split decision. Judge Sam Austin called it a draw, 3, 3 and 2, while Referee Young Otto and Judge Bill Healy respectively voted, 4, 3, 1, and 6 and 2.

Welch, who showed greater strength with his added poundage (he was a 155-pounder before his term in the Coast Guard), handled Dellicurti with assurance and effectiveness at close range. Dellicurti did effective punching at long range and made it interesting all the way. A few found fault with the decision but the writer felt Welch deserved to win, by the margin Otto voted.

Ham Wiloby, Jamaica, 124, cut up Johnny Gebert, Freeport, 126½, to stop him at 2:43 of the sixth. Bennetto Payne, Detroit, 171½, defeated Tommy Pope, Charlotte, N. C., 180, in six. Robert Garcia, Houston, Tex., 155, knocked out Zach Taylor, Brooklyn, 160, in 1:15 of the first and Dom Amoroso, Jersey City, 132, disposed of Hubert Winfield, Brooklyn, 134, in 2:12 of the third.

Willie Guy and Larry Williams, both of Harlem and weighing 153, were tossed out at 2:14 of the third. Their bout was declared no contest.

Free-hitting Morris Reif, Brownsville, 142½, was forced to go the limit for the first time in seven starts at Broadway Arena by crafty Joe Amico, Philadelphia, 137½, but proved a point by the manner in which he finished. Instead of losing his punch in an all-out effort for an early kayo, he paced himself well and was doing some of his best work at the end. In fact, he scored the only knockdown of the fight just before the final bell.

The fight was entertaining enough, because Amico, using every trick at his command, forced Reif to punch his way out of clinches. The Philadelphian gambled with some rights to the head, too, but though they landed cleanly, he couldn't budge the solidly-built youngster.

In the semi-final Richard (Tiger) Nelson, Washington, 147¼, held Joe Gambaro, New York, 146, to a six-round draw. Nick Toretto, New York, 150¼, won from Bud Bailey, Harlem, 152, in six and Frank Gromada, New York, 138, outscored Johnny (Bo) Harris, New York, 138½, over the same distance. Henry Johnson, 146½, won from Sidney Miller, Detroit, 151¼, in a four.

Reif drew another capacity crowd in his second Broadway main event in as many weeks.

Young Freddie Schott, Akron, O., 207, impressed Jacobs' Beachers against Billy Grant, Orange, N. J., 175, in a feature eight at Ridgewood Grove. Despite his big pull in weights, Schott faced an opponent vastly superior in experience and many feared the giant would be outfought. Schott went on to win a unanimous and deserved decision.

Grant, who had thrilled Grove customers by knocking down Georgie Kochan and Johnny Colan, crowded Schott in the first round and nailed him with some lefts to the head and an occasional right. The kid reacted like a real fighter, firing back with both hands. In the third he took command and never relinquished it, though Grant never stopped trying.

Schott's most effective blow was a right to the body which made Grant wince time and again. The big fellow didn't make as much use of his straight left as in other fights. They were both winging too fast and furiously to do much orthodox boxing.

In other fights, all fours, Ted Gordon, 163, won from Ernest Barnwell, 158, Rocco Lescio, 143, defeated Frank Intieri, 146, Sidney Miller, 152½, won from Paterson Ryles, 150, and Billy Cooper, 163, defeated Dave Carver, 165¼.

Because the Grove fire had postponed the fight three weeks, the crowd wasn't up to expectations. The gross was $2700.

When Saint Thomas, prodigal pugilistic son of Father Divine, came through with a fourth-round knockout of Gus Dorazio at St. Nick's some wag in the house declared: "Now the Father probably will forgive his misbehavior and take him back into the flock." He hadn't gotten these words out of his mouth before one of the Saint's exuberant friends said: "You mean, the Saint will take Father Divine back!"

Be that as it may, the young man, whose real name is Tommy Reed, didn't do at all badly. Those who have stopped Dorazio, nationally known Philadelphia heavyweight, include only such as Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Roscoe Toles and it was a good break for the Saint to move up into such company. He also got a break in the fight when old cuts over Dorazio's eyes split open in the second round. From there on the Saint just stabbed the blood-blinded Gus and tied him up when they got to close quarters. Referee Frank Fullam stopped the proceedings at 2:04 in the fourth. The bout was scheduled for ten rounds.

There were three first-round knockouts, Billy Arnold's being the most spectacular. Arnold, a 145-pound Philadelphia scrapper, flattened Eddie Saunders, Harlem, 150, with a single smash at 1:07 of the first. The others were scored by Jimmy Gardner, Philadelphia, 177¼, over Oscar Goode, Newark, same weight, 2:24, and Frank Rosen, Brooklyn, 132½, over Johnny Bascombe, Bermuda, same weight, 2:36. In a six Bobby Garcia, Houston, Tex., 137, beat Leo (Red) Brown, Detroit, 139.

Receipts were a near-capacity $4,450.

Al Davis, the Brownsville buster, 142, eventually gets his man, even if he doesn't duplicate his famous 63-second performance against Bob Montgomery. Johnny Dougwillow, Revere, Mass., stuck around for quite a while in their Broadway Arena meeting scheduled for eight rounds but Davis finished the job at 43 seconds in the sixth.

It was Davis pitching, Dougwillow catching, strictly, for the first three rounds. In the fourth, however, Dougwillow went after Davis with a vengeance and drove him into the ropes with a good right. He was cut in this round. In the fifth he tried to left jab his way out of danger but Davis pursued relentlessly and inflicted considerable body punishment.

In the sixth added cuts were opened in Dougwillow's face. He was dumped in this round by a savage sock and, though he rose, seemed none too happy about continuing. After a second knockdown Referee Jack Appel halted the fight and Dougwillow's worries too, probably.

In the semi-final Johnny Wilson, 144½, ex-amateur champion, pounded away at Johnny Attley, 146½, until the latter was in such shape that he couldn't come out for the fourth.

Other results: Lee Black, Harlem, 153, defeated Jerry McGee, Harlem, 155, six; Al Seidman, Scranton, Pa., 155, won from Verne Atkins, Youngstown, O., 150¼, with the latter in bad shape at the final bell after four rounds; Monty Klein, West Side, 142, outslugged Frank Intieri, East New York, 143½, four; and Jerry Mazzanoble, Brooklyn, 158, right handed Frank Feretti, East New York, 153½, into a knockout at 1:45 in the second.

Westchester County Center shut down for the duration, the Navy taking over the building, following the card topped by Vic Pignataro and Pete Galiano. Pignataro, Bronx, 139, defeated Galiano, Baltimore, 139½, with ease in eight rounds, scoring three knockdowns en route. In the semi-final of six rounds, Johnny Cool, Worcester, Mass., 139½, lost to Tiger Nelson, Washington, 141½.

Freddie Schott, heavyweight prospect from Akron, O., recorded his second victory in as many weeks at Ridgewood Grove as he knocked out Gilbert Stromquist, Austin, Tex., behemoth, in 1:04 of the fourth round. Schott, 209, was outweighed by Stromquist, 245½. It was Schott's 20th straight victory.

Stromquist tried hard and made a fight of it for two rounds but in the third Freddie flailed a right against his jaw to send him down for a nine count. In the fourth a right dropped Stromquist for eight and a right to the body wrote finis.

In the other bouts Andy Faison, 151, knocked out Joey Robinson, 155¾, in 1:32 of the second; Zach Taylor, 134½, won from Artie DiPietro, 136½, four rounds; Louis O'Connor, 121¼, defeated Willie Hook, 126, four; Henry Johnson, 144½, stopped Vince La Salva, 147½, in 1:28 of the third, and Pete Vergin, 130, knocked out Joey Niel, 131, in 41 seconds of the fifth.

Aaron Perry, the Washington, D. C., youth with the Joe Louis looks and punching mannerisms, became a New York main eventer for the first time in his T.K.O. of Desmond (Tuffy) Cummings, British sailor stationed in Baltimore. This bout, at St. Nick's, was Perry's tenth knockout in 17 pro starts.

The brave Britisher was on his feet when Referee Billy Cavanagh halted it at 1:33 in the fifth (the bout was scheduled for eight rounds) but Perry's slashing uppercuts had reduced his face to a bloody smear.

Perry had considerable trouble with the weaving, bobbing Cummings, who had gone the distance with him in Washington last December, until he discovered that the shortest distance between two points, for him, was an uppercut. He began boloing in the third and, after easing up in the fourth, found the range to such an extent that the ref had to act. Perry weighed 144½, Cummings, 140¾.

Milton Kessler, Coney Island, 152½, won from Buddy Bailey, Harlem, 152, in a six-round semi-final. Other sixes resulted as follows: Jerry Coursol, Valley Stream, 138, defeated Prudy Pachecho, Puerto Rico, 144; Tony Mills, Hempstead, 140¼, won from Leo Brown, Detroit, 139½, and Billy Cooper, 163, Cleveland, scored over James C. Wilkins, Bronx, 162. In a four Monty Klein, West Side, 140, knocked out Hubert Winfield, Brooklyn, 135, in 2:04 of the third. Receipts were $6,195.

Frankie Terry, Brooklyn warhorse who returned to the ring wars last summer after a three-year layoff, ran his streak of victories up to 13 with his eight-round victory over Johnny Jones of Pittsburgh at Broadway Arena. Nine of his triumphs were at the Broadway. This one was a split decision affair, but the Brooklynite clearly deserved the award for forcing the fight all the way.

Jones, 150¾, didn't have the strength to match Terry, 155, in the infighting and faded in the last two rounds after holding him even. Johnny landed the cleaner punches but he fought too sporadically.

In a semi-final six Pat Giordano, Ottawa, 148¼, Canada, outscored Sonny Wilson, Detroit, 153½.

In another six Pete Kelly, Riverside, N. J., 133½, stopped Pat Scanlon, New York, 138, in 2:55 of the third.

Willie Gray, Detroit, 155, won from Verne Atkins, Washington, 150½, and Al Seidman, Scranton, Pa., 153, polished off Ralph Deans, Newark, 152, in 1:50 of the second.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

MAYBE it was because he wanted to step out and do his daily good deeds before he would become a priest that Otto O'Keefe quit Josephinum College, of Columbus, O., after three years of study. Perhaps it was because of his teachings at the College, that he decided to act quickly.

Otto, a one-time resident of Allentown and for the past two decades a Philadelphian, had embarked on a pugilistic career and was a mighty fine warrior at that. Anyone who could battle the lightweight elite during the 1917 to 1922 era must have had something on the ball. This good-natured Irishman may not have been the champion in his class but he surely had the courage to face the champs and near champs and made the best of them hustle all the way.

But all the time that Otto was fistslinging he wanted to father an idea that was born through his contacts in the squared circle. He had become acquainted with the news that fistmen were heroes just so long as they were on top. After the headliners had reaped a certain amount of praise from the backslappers and when fighters began to fade away, as did their ring earnings, for it was "an easy come—easy go" troupe in those days, the warriors also lost their "friends." Where would these destitute fighters finally land? Who would take care of them? No funds, no homes, no friends. There must be something done and the more Otto O'Keefe thought of it, the more he became enthused of forming a Veteran Boxers' Association.

June 1, 1935, exactly nine years ago, Otto purchased 44 of Uncle Sam's postcards and mailed them out to various fistmen for a meeting. Of the group, but eight responded. They were Jack Toland, Joe McMullin, Maxie Williamson, Frank Lorman, Johnny Kelly, Pete Wagner and the hero of this yarn. The V. B. A. became a reality. Its purpose was to help the needy and destitute fighters and with that thought in mind the club began to grow and prosper. New members were joining as rapidly as forms could reach them. Today, the Association boasts of more than 300 members; its own building, clear of any mortgage, located at 1429 W. Girard Avenue.

Among its large membership are such prominent men as State Athletic Commission Chairman Leon L. Rains; Police Inspectors Packey McFarland and John Dooner; Ex-world champions Frank Klaus, Pete Latzo, Battling Nelson, Harry Lewis, Battling Levinsky, James J. Braddock, Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Jadick, Tommy Loughran; Deputy Sheriff Joe Conroy; Magistrate Reddy Bell; Ex-Magistrate Elias Meyers; and Rev. Thomas J. F. Ryan, chaplain.

In addition to doing numerous good deeds such as having the entire membership donate blood to the Red Cross, stage benefits for some needy members of their families, entertain in hospitals and army camps, more than 50 stars are proudly sewed on its service flag.

Thus did a dream come true for Otto O'Keefe, a humanitarian if ever there was one.

A thumbnail sketch of what he has been doing after hanging up his fistic mittens finds that he was athletic director of the Arena A. A. from 1925 to 1930; Athletic Director of the Newsboys A. C., 1931 to 1932; boxing instructor, Brotherhood of Transportation Workers, Local 107; currently enrolled as an inspector for the State Athletic Commission; and is affiliated with the personnel department of the Brotherhood of Transportation Workers.

Otto has a son and son-in-law in the service of Uncle Sam's armed forces.

What more could be asked of anyone?

Jake Freedman, the one-time manager of Lew Tendler, Benny Bass, Al Ettore, among others, is loudly singing the praises of Hubert Samuels, pupil of the Benjamin Franklin High School. Samuels, a lightweight, is rapidly progressing.

The lightweight champion of the world, Bobcat Bob Montgomery, has passed his physical. The titleholder, father of a three-year-old son, is ready to bear arms for his Uncle Sam and at this writing is awaiting his call to duty. A credit to the profession, Montgomery expects to do what any other soldier, sailor, marine or coast guard is doing—give his all, his very life if need be—so that our democratic way of living shall not perish from the earth.

Dusty Wilkerson is another of our fistmen to pass his physical and by the time this goes to press, he no doubt, will have changed from civilian attire to that of the army. The hard-socking Stan Frankel-Jack Puggy lightheavyweight belted out Odel Polee in his last start.

Rudy Gansky is gathering a fistic stable that is bound to be the best around these parts.

In Sunny California

By Harry Winkler

APRIL 4—It was no surprise that Manuel Ortiz bested Tony Olivera in the title fight at the Los Angeles Olympic, but the little Portuguese boxer surprised by the gallant stand he made against the bantam champion for the full fifteen rounds. Ortiz didn't punch as hard as he has in some of his past fights, but he handed Olivera a body beating that would have prompted many an opponent to fold up long before the final bell.

Ortiz started lazily, as he usually does, making little effort to either defend himself or land any solid blows, so, dropped the first two rounds to the fast moving Oaklander, who scored often with left jabs. The action speeded up in the third, with Manuel landing the harder blows and having the best of some hot exchanges. From then on, the fight kept getting faster and hotter.

It was a fast action scrap from the sixth to the 14th, with the champion putting more steam in his blows and copping at least six of the nine rounds. Ortiz handed Tony such a body beating that spectators for ten rows back, were holding their arms over their tummies. On numerous occasions, especially in the ninth, tenth, 12th and 13th, it appeared that the challenger was to go down from punches that rocked and staggered him, but Olivera was in superb condition and survived the blows to come back full of fight. Olivera fought gallantly in the 14th to keep that round even, and when Manuel, far out in front, slowed down in the 15th, Tony spurted to cop the final heat.

This writer credited the champion with nine of the rounds, gave the challenger four, and tabbed two even. Ortiz weighed 117, Olivera, 117½.

In supporting bouts: Hugo Ortiz, 118, Mexico, defeated Joe Mace, 119, Sacramento, (6); Larry Martin, 162, scored a T.K.O. over Al Alexander, 168, (2); Benny Salica, 144, nodded Gene Thomas, 139, (4); Joe Guiterrez, 135, won from Johnny Gonzales, 134, (4).

This writer had the honor of presenting the annual Ring award to Manuel Ortiz in the Olympic ring just before the start of the Ortiz-Olivera championship go. Nat Fleischer, the donor, had hoped to make this award to "the outstanding boxer of 1943" in person, but his service camp activities prevented him doing so, so he elected Yours Truly for the job.

In the presentation speech, I quoted The Ring editor, referring to Ortiz as "The most brilliant, the most active, the most impressive boxer of 1943," and the little champion was given a rousing ovation by the crowd of 9500.

March 31—Rusty Payne, 179, San Diego Negro, T.K.O.'ed Mike Alfano, 201, Brooklyn, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The game Italian was still on his feet when the bout was stopped, but was unable to defend himself. Both started tossing haymakers from the opening bell and for a couple of rounds Alfano kept the slugfest on an even basis, but the gong ending the third heat found Mike on the canvas for a six-count.

Payne draped Alfano over the ropes in the fourth and the Italian's handler, Pete Reilly, wanted it stopped, but Referee Clayton Frye waited until Mike was rocked by another lethal right to the jaw before he waved Rusty to his corner.

Joe Mace, 120, Sacramento, decisioned Angel Lopez, Tia Juana, in six; Joe Guiterrez, 135, Imperial, and Gil Napier, San Diego, fought six rounds to a draw; Frank Calzo, 165, decisioned Goldie Taylor, in four, and a bout between Billy Downs and Bill Medina was declared a technical draw in the opening round when they butted heads and Downs received a badly cut eye.

April 6—Charley Burley was wearing a nice new bonnet on Easter morn. It was the California middleweight crown, and it fits him so well that it isn't apt to be adorning any other 160-pounder's noggin for a long time. Burley removed the crown from the brow of Jack Chase by knocking out the clever Colorado boxer in the ninth round at the Hollywood Stadium. For the past eighteen months this reigning headpiece had been passed back and forth between Chase, Archie Moore and Eddie Booker, as all three wore about the same size hats and the crown sat precariously on all their heads.

Burley was great in stopping Chase, having outclassed Jack most all the way in a fight that was fast and damaging. Chase was floored for a nine-count in the fourth by a hard right under the heart, and hurt again from a right to the jaw as the gong ended that round. Chase scored with jabs in the fifth and sixth rounds, but was reluctant to mix it with the former Pittsburgher. However, Jack forced the milling in the seventh and staggered Burley on two occasions with solid punches to the head, causing the easterner to clinch. Chase had Charley hurt again in the eighth, but Jack received a cut over the eye just before the bell.

Burley came out with a rush in the ninth and soon had Jack groggy from hard rights to the head. Seeing his foe hurt and dizzy, the Pittsburgher sprang to the attack and continued to park potent rights on his foe's jaw until the target pitched to the canvas, where he was counted out by Referee Abe Roth. Burley weighed 153, Chase, 159.

In the semi-final, Paul Doyle, 175, K.O.'ed Leonard Nix, 186, in the third of a scheduled six-rounder. Nix was floored twice in the second.

In the four-rounders: Alfredo Escobar, 126, defeated Henry Zamora, 128; John Donnelly, 180, won over Brandis Flowers, 175; Gene Rooney, 132, dropped Mel Walker, 128, in the second, to win handily in the opener.

April 10—A scheduled ten-rounder between Frenchy Savidan, 135, Venice, and Billy Hale, 135, Phoenix, at the Ocean Park Arena, was halted in the third round and declared a draw when Savidan suffered a severe cut over his left eye.

Other results: Joey Savidan, 135, decisioned Gene Thomas, 138, (6); Benny Salica, 144, nodded Dave Arviso, 147; Eddie Moran, 151, won from Jimmy Torres, 150; Matt Kinney, 132, decisioned Steve Task, 133; Ernie Trujillo, 133, beat Willie Tatum, 133.

April 25—For thirty minutes a capacity crowd let out a roar that could be heard by everyone west of the Rocky Mountains, during the ten-rounder between Henry Armstrong and John Thomas at the Los Angeles Olympic. It was that exciting. A local "natural," the crowd was about equally divided in opinion and the fans enthused loudly for their favorite. Armstrong won the verdict by scoring two knockdowns. He put Thomas on the floor for eight seconds in the second round and for a five-count in the fourth heat. Those two knockdowns were the margin of victory. Had he not been spilled, Thomas would have earned a draw or better, for, Referee Abe Roth added in his favor, it being the votes of the two judges that tabbed Armstrong the winner, which he really was.

The scrap was packed with action from the first to the final gong, with first one, then the other having an advantage. Thomas, clever, cool and fast-moving, looked like "the one" in the opening round, repeatedly stabbing his oncoming foe with a snaky left. John won the sixth and tenth by good margins, stopping Henry in his tracks with right hand uppercuts, and he appeared to have an edge in the third and seventh. Armstrong, busy, aggressive and damaging, tossed leather tirelessly and continually crowded his opponent to the ropes. Hank really lambasted Thomas in the second, fourth and fifth, and led in the eighth and ninth. Armstrong weighed 141, Thomas, 139.

A crowd of 10,000 paid in over $30,000 to see this clash of styles.

In the prelims: Walter Hafer, 210, chilled Johnny Haynes, 216, in the fourth round, putting him on the canvas three times, but, only after being on the deck himself, in the third; Jesse Jas. Jackson, 145, surprised in winning over Art Santelli, 154, in four; Louie Wise, 165, won by T.K.O. over Larry Martin, 165, in the fourth; Willie Bowen, 136, decisioned Joey Savidan, 135; Harry Wicker, 130, nodded Lou Bernal, 131, in the curtain-raiser.

April 14—Eddie Marcus, 139, handsome Los Angeles boxer, made an instant hit with Border City fans in stiffening Kid Juarez, 140, of El Paso, in the third round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Marcus boxed smoothly, moved fast and hit with deadly effect. Juarez was dropped with a right to the jaw just before the end of the second round, and rocked to sleep from another right to the button early in the third. The El Paso boxer was out for several minutes.

In another ten-rounder, Chester Slider, 148, Fresno Negro, garnered a clean cut decision over Manuel Villa, 145, Sonora, Mex. Slider staged his usual two-fisted attack and gave Villa no chance to get set. It was a gruelling go, but there was too much in-close fighting to please the paying customers.

In other bouts. John Donnelly, 179, Los Angeles, was awarded a T.K.O. over Hal Fieberling, 196, Oakland, in the third. Donnelly dropped Fieberling and the referee stopped the bout without giving Hal the benefit of a count, and the northern boxer protested the ref's quick action. Jimmy Hatmaker, Imperial, defeated Wesley McMillon, San Diego, in four; Chick Musgrove, San Diego, K.O.'ed Bill Medina, Tia Juana, in the first round.

April 14—The scarcity of boxers forces the larger clubs to go small time "opera house" these days. One week it's big time celebrities, the next, it's high school talent. The week following the Burley-Chase state title go at the Hollywood Stadium, Matchmaker McDonald put in Tommy Garland of Culver City and Lane Hale, Los Angeles Negro boxer. Garland has been boxing for years, has both boxing ability and a good punch, but is a timid soul who has never yet met a really good fighter. Hale packs a wallop and has been a crowd-pleaser, but is inexperienced and doesn't take a punch well.

It was neither an exciting nor interesting fight. Hale remained in his shell most of the time, and although he forced the milling, he was too engrossed in keeping his chin "somewhere in the South Pacific area." Hale's turtle-like defense of his jaw left his body open to some solid smacks to the ribs, and Garland put the Negro down for a seven-count in the sixth round with a left hook to the body. A little later, Lane was decked again with another left to the body, this time for nine seconds. Hale regained his feet, but emoted agony and Referee Billy Kershner awarded Tommy the duke, a sixth round T.K.O. Garland weighed 162, Hale, 165.

In the remaining bouts: Filio Prado, 126, T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Reynolds, 128, (3); Mariano Nava, 135, was bested in the first two rounds and practically out on his feet in the third, when he whipped over a right to the jaw that stiffened Art Barron, 138, for the full count; Gene Rooney, 131, defeated Henry Zamora, 130, (4); Little Joe Miller, 116, nodded Mickey Romo, 119, (4); Willie Tatum, 133, decisioned Tony Mendez, 129, (4).

April 3—Cerefino Robleto, 116, Pasadena, and Elwood Romero, 117, Sacramento, two hard-hitting Mexican bantamweights, slugged to a ten-round draw at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a bruising setto all the way. Romero, who was put on deck in the second, had to come from behind to get the tie. Robleto bled freely from cuts in the sixth heat.

Freddie Long, 140, Inglewood, and Joey Savidan, 139, Venice, fought four rounds to a draw; Stanley Jamison, 126, Pasadena, decisioned Mel Walker, 129, Los Angeles, in four; Gil Whiteside, 150, Los Angeles, K.O.'ed Ted Jamison, 152, Pasadena, in the first heat; Ralph Lara, 129, Pasadena, decisioned Tony Mendez, 130, Los Angeles, in four; Hugh Glass, 192, Texas, bested Russ Metcalf, 180, Inglewood, in four.

April 11—Perk Daniels should be content with a hamburger on next Thanksgiving Day, for Perk has already had his turkey, and as tender and fat a bird as any hungry heavyweight could ask for. With Daniels' defeat of Turkey Thompson in a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, the height of upsets has been reached in this area. In spite of the numerous upsets in recent months, Thompson was a 15 to 1 to beat the Chicago Negro.

Only in the sixth round did Daniels seem to have more Turkey than he could swallow. Thompson had Perk in a groggy and weakened condition, but missed most of his punches in trying to finish Daniels and Turkey was dead tired at the end of the round. Weighing 218, Thompson put on a pathetic exhibition, moving around in slow motion and missing punches by feet. Daniels received nasty cuts over both eyes, but was credited with seven of the ten rounds and received the unanimous verdict of Referee Benny Whitman and both judges. Perk's left jabs and long rights to the head stopped his fat foe in his tracks. Daniels weighed 195, the scales showing that he was outweighed by 23 pounds, but the truth was that Perk really carried more solid meat than Thompson, about thirty pounds of the Turkey being lard.

In the prelims: Edgar Robinson, 155, Phoenix, Ariz., Negro, defeated Rudy Campa, 152, San Fernando Mexican, in six; Freddie Long, 140, stopped Johnny Lopez, 144, in the third; Bob Corbett, 153, copped by T.K.O. over Zeke Martinez, 148, in three; Art Santelli, 154, won easily from Kid Williams, 157, in four; Larry Martin, 162, and Frankie Valdez, 163, went four rounds to a draw.

April 17—Punchin' Paul Doyle, 177, hard socking graduate of Los Angeles' amateur rings, chalked up another kayo win in chilling Johnny Rogers, 170, Fresno, in the second round at the Ocean Park Arena. They were mixing it up merrily when a right to Rogers' whiskers stowed him away for the night.

Other results: Joey Savidan, 138, pounded out a decision over Benny Salica, 142 (4); Gil Whiteside, 150, K.O.'ed Eddie Moran, 150 (1); Jack Butler, 170, bested Johnny Bowen, 162 (4); Benny Cousins, 116, and Chico Fernandez, 115, boxed to a draw (4); Frank Piazza, 148, won by T.K.O. over Mickey Heron, 147 (2).

April 21—Charley Burley, new state middleweight champion, proved to one of the contenders that the throne sits up a little higher these days, when he pounded out a one-sided win over Archie Moore in ten rounds at the Hollywood Stadium. Moore is one of a trio who used to push the state champion off the throne occasionally and sit on it for a while, himself, but, this time Archie found a guy in the big chair who wouldn't be pushed. Moore came in weighing 161, and the contest wasn't billed as for the title, but, regardless of what is at stake, on their showing in this bout, the result will always be the same, for, Archie appears to have slipped a bit, while Burley is fighting at his best these days.

Burley started lambasting Moore very early in

the evening, putting Archie on the canvas for a 5-count in the opening round with a hard right to the jaw. This same potent paw floored Archie for an 8-count in the third, and dumped him for 7 seconds in the 4th. This was the last time that Moore was "on the verge" until the last minute of the 10th round, in which he was punched around the ring and in a groggy condition at the final bell.

Archie found Burley an elusive target rarely being able to tag Charley with a left jab, or finding a place to park a damaging left-hook. The San Diego boxer was a sorry looking warrior at the finish, his left eye being closed and the whole left side of his face badly swollen. Burley scaling 155, was credited with nine of the rounds.

Eddie Hudson, 135, San Francisco, T.K.O.'ed Freddie Long, 138, Inglewood, in the fourth of a scheduled six-round semi-windup.

In the four-rounders: Alfredo Escobar, 126, defeated Tino Ascasio, 129; Buddy Spencer, 123, whipped Stanley Jamison, 125; Hugh Stell, 148, K.O.'ed Dale Arviso, 145, in the first round; Tino Wilson, 131, stopped Bobby Jackson, 132, in two.

April 24—Edgar Robinson, 158, Phoenix, Ariz., Negro, made good in his first top billing by copping the nod over Frank Angustaine, 158, in an 8-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Robinson, a recent graduate of Los Angeles' amateur rings, surprised in winning over the up-and-coming Mexican, who was a 2-to-1 favorite to take the Negro boy.

In other bouts: Billy Smith, 162, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Bowen, 160, in the fourth; Gil Whiteside, 150, won via T.K.O. over Eddie Moran, 152, in the first; Chico Fernandez, 117, stopped Benny Cousins, 116, in the first; Benny Salica, 143, and Manuel Villa, 147, traveled four rounds to a draw.

May 2—The state lightweight title changed hands in the 8th round at the Los Angeles Olympic when Willie Joyce, who votes in Gary, Ind., stopped Ray Lunny of San Francisco. Lunny, now in the Coast Guard, had not seen any ring action for nine months and had engaged in only two bouts in the past two years, so, turning back such a good fighter as Joyce was too much of a chore for the handsome Irishman. Lunny started out looking like his old self, scoring repeatedly with his educated left and making Willie's blows fall short. However, this early advantage was partly because Joyce started slowly and was figuring out the seaman's technique.

Joyce speeded up in the third and Lunny was beginning to show the effects of his long layoff. The Negro boxer really poured it on in the 4th, landing hooks that deposited Lunny in the rosin, first, for a count of 9, then again just before the gong, which rang as 2 was counted over the Frisco boy. From then on it was all Joyce, who forced Lunny to retreat continuously, while peppering him with jabs and hooks. Willie caught the tired Lunny with a right to the head in the 8th round that floored him for a 9-count, and a few seconds later parked another right to the jaw that put Ray down for the full count. Joyce weighed 134½, Lunny 135.

In the six-round semi, Rudy Campa, 152, San Fernando Mexican, and Jesse Jas. Jackson, 143, Riverside, battled to a draw.

In the fours: Jack Butler, 168, decisioned Billy Smith, 163; Stanley Jamison, 122, and Frankie Gallardo, 127, drew; Ray Vargas, 137, iced Wade Evans, 136, and Chico Fernandez, 116, defeated Benny Cousins, 115.

The above described state 135-pound "championship" bout lacked lustre from the title angle, as Lunny was still recognized as champion only because he was in the service and his title was "frozen." Lunny had not defended the title but once in nearly two years, and Joyce was just recently beaten by John Thomas. There can be no bona fide California lightweight title match without either Thomas or Juan Zurita, or both, as contestants.

Elmer Ray, Florida's Negro block-buster, added Jay D. Turner of Dallas, Tex., to his list of kayo victims by folding him up in the fifth round at the San Diego Coliseum. Ray commenced laying on haymakers with the opening bell, but although he had Turner on the floor for a nine-count in the second round from a two-fisted barrage to the head, he couldn't make the Texan say uncle. Turner stood up under heavy blows to the jaw for four rounds, during which he, too, dished out some misery in the infighting, and Jay staggered the Negro with a right to the chin in the third.

But when Ray drove a pile-driver into Turner's solar plexis in the fifth—that was that. Jay doubled up like a kid who has been eating green apples, and he couldn't suck in enough air to become perpendicular before the count of ten. Ray weighed 201, Turner, 226.

Walter Hafer, 210, Washington, D. C., now in the Marine Corps, made short work of Dan Merritt, 195, Cleveland, stopping the Negro in the first minute of the opening round with a two-fisted attack.

Jimmy Hatmaker, Imperial, floored Wesley McMillon, San Diego, first for a nine-count, then for keeps, with two rights to the head in the first round; Frank Calzo decisioned Everett Lopez in four; Agapito Rodriguez and Torito Rivas (glad I've had my frijoles and enchiladas recently) fought four heats to a draw.

Tony Olivera was primed for Ernesto Aguilar, therefore, when Mexico's bantamweight contender became ill and couldn't go through with the match, the substitute, Joe Robleto, proved little more than a workout for the clever Portuguese boxer. The one-sided affair, staged at the Hollywood Stadium, was stopped in the fifth round to save Robleto further punishment. Robleto was a formidable opponent for only one round, the first, after which session Olivera dished out a beating that the Pasadena gamester will not soon forget.

The San Francisco boy hit Robleto with so many punches to the head in the next three rounds that the crowd wasn't enjoying the spectacle and many implored the referee to stop it. Although still on his feet, Robleto was being punched all over the ring in the fifth and was too dazed and weary to punch back, so Referee Johnny Indrisano waved Joe to his corner and awarded a T.K.O. victory to Tony. Olivera weighed 120; Robleto, 123.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final, Bobby Claus, 151, Buffalo, made a hit in stopping Chico Hernandez, 149, in the second round.

In the four-rounders, Filio Prado, 128, Mexico, whipped Ralph Lara, 128, Pasadena; Gene Rooney, 132, defeated Henry Zamora, 129, Pasadena; Jackie Cooper, 157, Chicago, T.K.O.'ed Hugh Stell, 152, Salina, Kans., in the second; Ernie Trujillo, 136, decisioned Willie Tatum, 134.

Eddie Marcus, 138, classy Los Angeles boxer, outpointed Ace Miller, 139, Columbus, O., Negro, in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Miller forced the milling throughout, to make the go an interesting one, but he experienced difficulty getting past Marcus' educated left paw, which he kept sticking in Ace's features continually.

In the semi-final, a local natural, Bill Tierney, T.K.O.'ed Jim Edwards in the fifth round of an exciting go. It was their third meeting, a "rubber" match. Referee Labe Safro probably saved Edwards from a kayo defeat in the second round when he was decked from a left hook and came up off the floor in a dazed and helpless condition.

The referee kept Tierney away while he took stock of the groggy Edwards, which allowed him added seconds to regain his senses. Tierney continued to have the better of the setto and when Edwards suffered a badly cut eye in the fifth, the bout was halted and awarded to Tierney.

In three four-rounders, Junior Washington K.O.'ed Joe Joy, in the third; Jack Fernandez T.K.O'ed Marino Sanchez in the second; Oscar Nollett stopped Bill Medina in the first.

In two ten-rounders between four of the younger generation, at the Los Angeles Olympic, Bobby Yaeger, 137, Los Angeles, decisioned Billy Hale, 136, Phoenix, Ariz., and Ace Miller, 142, Columbus, O., nosed out Nick Moran, 141, Mexico. Both bouts were close, the victors being given split decisions. Yaeger rallied in the closing rounds with uppercuts and right crosses to best Hale in the last half of the contest. The bout was not an interesting one, there being too much mauling in close quarters.

The go between Miller and Moran was a dandy. They traded blows in many fast exchanges. It was even at the end of the eighth, but Moran has been idle for some time, while Miller has been very active, so it was Ace who had the extra energy necessary to forge ahead in the last two rounds to win a close decision.

In supporting bouts, Walter Hafer, 210, Buffalo, defeated Silent Joe Hill, 192, Fresno, in four; Jackie Cooper, 150, stopped Johnny Lopez, 145, in the fourth, and Pee Wee Swingler, 117, decisioned Little Joe Miller, 117, in four.

Paul Doyle, iron-fisted young heavyweight of Los Angeles, chalked up another kayo win by laying John Donnelly, New York Negro, among the daisies in the seventh round at the Ocean Park Arena. The scrap was a thriller from start to finish, with both battlers in there all the way, but with Doyle ahead because of his heavier artillery. Donnelly was down for nine-counts twice in the earlier rounds before being dropped face forward in the seventh. Each weighed 178.

Results of the preliminaries: Joey Savidan, 134, defeated Benny Salica, 142 (4); Sonny Hill, 133, chilled Johnny Gonzales, 131 (2); Eddie Rymer, 160, won over Johnny Bowen, 160 (4); Danny Valdez, 139, outpointed Lee Walker, 138 (4).

"Where's Elmer?" is being heard again these days around Los Angeles. The question now means "Where is Elmer rocking 'em to sleep this week?" He has been dumping the heavies out here so often in recent months that I left out one of his feats in my last report. And it was a rather important win, a four-round kayo over Buddy Millard of Indianapolis (via Texas), at the Hollywood Stadium.

The bell came to Millard's rescue in the third at the count of two, which found Buddy on the carpet in a rather permanent appearing position. However, the clever Negro backpedaled to safety for two minutes of the fourth round before the slow-moving Floridian caught up with him again. Millard boxed nicely for a couple of rounds and garnered the second frame, but one didn't have to read Buddy's palm to see his fate as soon as Elmer could corner his fleet-footed foe and park a right on his jowls. Ray tipped the beam at 197; Millard, only 178.

Mariano Nava, 135, and Filio Prado, 128, visitors from Mexico, put on another exciting setto in the six-round semi-final, Nava winning the nod.

In four-rounders: Ace Miller, 143, Columbus, O., decisioned Torpedo Reed, 139, Watts; Ralph Lara, 127, Pasadena, won over Tino Ascasio, 129; Stanley Jamison, 124, Pasadena, nodded Mel Walker, 127; Gene Rooney, 134, defeated Tino Perez, 130.

OF THOSE IN SERVICE—Among local professional boxers who have entered Uncle Sam's stable, not previously mentioned in this column, are Freddie Long, Eli Golindo, Don Lemos, Dave Hernandez, Sammy Mata, Melvin Johnson, Jimmy McAllister, Bill Trillo, Babe Garcia, Benny Georgino.

Among those who have received medical discharges and are back in circulation are Chuey Figueroa, Bobby Yaeger, Lou Sepulveda, Baby Johnson, Manuel Villa.

Among those from the amateur rings who have recently donned uniforms are Glen Monger and Ernie Marcus of the Southwest Arena, who are in the Navy, and Dave Millar of the Manhattan Gym, who is in the Air Corps.

Don Lee, smallest member of the fighting Lee family of Inglewood, is back in the States on a medical discharge. Don, who was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, has been in war action ever since. He was twice wounded and also suffered from malaria. Previous to the war, Lee chalked up some 15 ring victories and won a couple of Army titles.

Sgt. Albert Romero, a good welterweight of Los Angeles a few years ago, who has been in the Army for three years, is now stationed at Camp Bowie, Tex. Romero is attached to a medical battalion, and is assisting in teaching boxing and judo.

Herbie Hansford, former Los Angeles lightweight, a great crowd pleaser, is reported hospitalized, having been wounded in South Pacific action.

Jack Curley, former colorful amateur lightweight of Los Angeles, now in the Army, writes of his boxing activities in the South Sea Islands. Curley has had considerable opportunity to engage in the ring sport in that part of the world. Jack was a trainer of a team of boxers who have cleaned up the competition down there, and he has won two titles for himself.

Jackie McCoy, classy featherweight of Los Angeles, now a sailor in the thick of it in the South Pacific, writes of a great prospect on board his ship. McCoy is greatly enthused over his protege, a 150-pounder. Well, Jackie should know the real thing when he sees it, and he is capable of teaching a pupil the religion of a left hand, too.

Sgt. Cecil Romero, now stationed at Victorville Army Air Field, was home (Inglewood) on leave, and engaged in a bout at the Southwest Arena. Cecil, holder of an Army title at 126 pounds, looked mighty good in winning over Lee Walker, a pretty good Negro lightweight.

Bob Nestell, former Los Angeles heavyweight, now a corporal in the Army, is reported in a North African hospital, recovering from wounds.

Johnny Echeveste, Los Angeles featherweight, now a Marine, attached to the Medical Corps, and stationed in the South Seas, writes that he has been able to do a little boxing since his enlistment. Johnny has engaged in nine bouts and emerged the winner in all of them.

LEST I FORGET—It will be a long, long time before Los Angeles has an upset to top Perk Daniels' win over Turkey Thompson. Daniels, just another heavyweight, was to be a warmup bout for Turkey's preparation for Lee Q. Murray. The Chicago clouter wasn't expected to last more than three rounds at the most . . . Johnny Keyes, well known as the former Mayor of Chinatown (N.Y.C.), now operates a spaghetti parlor in San Diego, and manages Archie Moore . . . Bud Taylor has released Eddie Marcus from his contract . . . Enrique Bolanos continues to improve in class, and from now on should be a factor in the featherweight division. In winning over Willie Roache at New York, the former Mexico City bellhop beat an opponent who recently defeated Larry Bolvin . . . Terry Gibson, Los Angeles Negro welterweight, is now campaigning around Chicago . . . Jimmy Murray of Oakland (but, we still claim Jimmy as our own, here in L. A.), is a subject for Ripley's Believe It or Not. Murray is the matchmaker for all three Oakland promoters.

Jack Roper, former heavyweight, now operates a cocktail lounge in Hollywood . . . The date for the Manuel Ortiz-Willie Pep featherweight title go at Boston has been set back to July 10 . . . Jay Wall, hard-punching amateur middleweight of L. A., now in the Merchant Marine, still packs that sleep-producing right hand. While home on leave, Wall flattened Lorenzo Valles, a tough Mexican of El Paso, in a bout at the Southwest Arena . . . Richie Fontaine, former lightweight of Montana, is now in the restaurant business in Los Angeles . . . Lou Nova, now a resident of Van Nuys, is on a barn-storming tour of the Midwest. He has chalked up six kayo victories over mediocre opponents . . . It is said that Milton Berle, star of screen and radio, has purchased 50 per cent of the contract of Mike Delia, Los Angeles lightweight, now campaigning in eastern rings. Could be . . . Al McCoy, former world middleweight champion, has taken on another match (and at his age!) There is now a Mrs. Al McCoy . . . With Turkey Thompson getting too fat, Elmer Ray appears to be the best of the Pacific Coast heavies . . . And, fellows, believe me, I will yet get around to answering your letters. But, writing this column isn't all I do, I really am a busy guy. In the meantime, the address is still 1231 N. June Street, Hollywood (38), Calif.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

BOB MONTGOMERY, lightweight champion New York version, opposed Joey Peralta, Tamacqua, Mexico, lightweight, in the reopening of the Chicago Coliseum, after a lapse of three years. Jack Kearns, former manager of Jack Dempsey, promoted the show. Jack's opening program drew down a gate totaling $21,947.

The Philadelphia Bobcat made it three in a row over his tough Mexican adversary, who put up a stubborn battle but lacked the agility of Montgomery, plus Bob's untiring stamina.

The "thrill" bout of the evening was the semi-final involving Wallace Cross and Georgie Parks, from Newark, N. J., and Washington, D. C., respectively. Parks followed up his recent knockout conquest of Nate Bolden with a spectacular victory over Cross.

Parks spilled Cross for counts of 9 and 2 in the sixth. During the eighth Parks again felled Cross with a triphammer left-hook and had Cross groggy until the final gong ending the tenth frame.

The preliminaries were good also. Johnny Ryan, 150, and John Eakers, 152½, both of Detroit, flashed leather consistently and their bout ended in a six-round dead-heat; Mike Sopko, Indiana Harbor, Indiana, 160-pound protege of Harry Green, after a year's absence from the squared circle, hammered out a convincing win over Rollin Hopp, Indianapolis, Ind., middleweight, in six rounds. Al Jordan, Milwaukee welterweight, won his bout over Johnny Joclus in four. In a six-rounder Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J., 165-pounder, beat Harold Reiss, 6 ft. 1 inch Detroit, Mich., 167-pounder.

The Marigold Gardens weekly fight productions had, as a headlining attraction, Terry Gibson, 146 pounds, and Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, Ohio, 145-pounder. It was a scorching eight-rounder.

Walter Patrick, Young Irish 160½-pounder, dealt out a five-round lacing to Virgil McKiness, St. Charles middleweight. Patrick hails from Bay City, Mich.

Bishop Murphy, Chicago 160-pounder, dropped George Sapolick, Johnstown, Pa., for short counts in rounds 2, 3 and 4 of their four-round conflict. In a hair-raising four-rounder, Johnny Rhodes, 140, beat a tattoo on Willie Moon to emerge victorious. And in the opener Al Jordan, 135, whipped Eddie (Kid) Carson, also 135. Jordan is a Milwaukeean.

Lou Nova, former heavyweight contender, is being put through the "built up" stages. One of his stepping-stone matches was at the expense of Pug Wilson, Gary, Ind., 198-pounder. Wilson, as yet a preliminary fighter, lasted eight rounds with the once-formidable Nova of Cosmic fame.

Johnny Roszina, aggressive Milwaukee 150½-pounder, fought Tommy James to a sizzling ten-round draw. During the latter rounds James connected with the cleaner blows and, at the end, received a draw for his efforts. This was a rugged two-fisted encounter.

Southpaw Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind., 136¾-pounder, drilled Gene Ward, 146, with his left-crosses to take down the six-round semi-final bout.

Robert Earl, after a two-year layoff, returned and administered a sound leathering to Johnny Rhodes. Pat Sheehy, Minneapolis, Minn., lightweight, won on a T.K.O. over Joey Smith of Memphis, Tenn. In the opener, J. B. Betts, Memphis 137-pounder, lost to Willie Moon, Chicago Negro Southsider, in four rounds.

Max Marek, one-time Chicago amateur favorite, is stationed at Treasure Island. Max assists Tony Musto, boxing instructor. Marek informs me that Freddie Cochrane, world's welterweight champion, is also at Treasure Island. Cochrane is a Chief Petty Officer-Specialist in the Athletic Occupational Training School.

Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky., light-heavyweight, made short work of Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland 170-pounder. Reeves is through. An ordinary blow to the face found Reeves on the canvas in the second of their slated eight-rounder. At one time Reeves was an outstanding light-heavyweight contender.

In a co-feature of eight rounds, Terry Gibson, now of Fort Sheridan, after punching Isadore Miner around in practically every round, ended the milling in the last round with a steady barrage.

Chuck Hunter tangled with Gene Ward in a special six-rounder. Hunter was awarded the decision amongst intermingled boos.

And in the fours, Walter Patrick, Bay City, Mich., middleweight, scored a decisive victory over Bishop Murphy, Negro, and J. B. Betts, Memphis, after being on the loser's end put Frank Gaffney away with one uppercut for the ten toll, in the second heat.

Al Globe, a fair Mexican heavyweight, who is now in service, came in to the Windy City on furlough. Al is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

At the Marigold Gardens, Robert Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind., 151-pounder, beat Johnny Roszina, Milwaukee 150½-pounder, in eight.

This was but one of three eight-rounders. Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind., 138-pounder, befuddled Bill Parsons of Danville, Ill., for six rounds and was on his way to victory when a hefty right to the abdomen doubled Lewis up and he was counted out in 2:43 of the seventh round. Lewis had to be assisted to his corner.

A short and sweet knockout conquest was achieved by the underdog, Herman Hayes, 177½-pounder, who stretched Pug Wilson out for the ten toll in 1:37 of the first round of their eight-round billed struggle. Hayes dropped Wilson to the canvas three times, and the bout was halted after the third knockdown.

And in the supporting numbers, Robert Earl put the crusher on Robert Fowler in the second canto. Fowler was down for nine in the opening stanza. Willie Moon won an uninteresting tiff from Eddie (Kid) Carson. Four rounds, lightweights.

Yours Truly and Estelle say hello to Sgt. Martin Slav, who has partaken in all of the major battles on the Pacific side of our warfare. Also to Marty's brother, Dave, who is an Allied pilot over in England.

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HIT BITS FROM PITTSBURGH
By RALPH BREM

LULU COSTANTINO, 133, of New York, lost to Billy Miller of Pittsburgh in a ten-round dancing fest at the Garden on April 3rd. The decision, which was split, in favor of Miller, was booed and arguments still flourished long after the contestants and patrons had left.

The semi-final, Joey Amico, 137, Philadelphia, and Vince Dell 'Orto, 133, New York, should have worn track shoes. They both ran and jabbed and weren't getting any place so Referee Buck McTiernan said enough and declared "No Contest" at 1:40 of the fourth of the scheduled eight-rounder.

The other prelims—Phil Muscato, 170, Buffalo, outpointed Otto Blackwell, 166, in six rounds of good battling. Blackwell wavered and staggered on two different occasions but didn't drop.

Nelson Canty, 162, Philadelphia, beat Buster Peaks, 163, Detroit.

In the opener, Billy Shelton lost the lease on his legs in 2:33 of the second stanza to Bobby Maloney. Shelton weighed 142 and Maloney came in five pounds heavier.

On April 10, Juste Fontaine, Pittsburgh lightweight, had his victory skein of 17 straight as a pro shattered by Señor Ruby Garcia of Puerto Rico. Juste broke his right mauler in the second round. The fight was listed for eight rounds.

Phil Muscato again won over Otto Blackwell in eight. Otto bounced four times in the first but weathered the storm and was around at the finish.

Bob Jacobs hurt his right hand in the first round and lost a split decision to John D. Vorce in a third eight.

In another eight-rounder, Bee Bee Wright T.K.O.'ed Bobby Maloney in the fourth round. Wright seems to be on the right round again after two knockouts out of town.

Mike Scanlon beat Red Duffy in four and Benny Andy outswung Larry Edwards in the opening four.

On May 1, Bee Bee Wright, 147, beat Ernie (Cat) Robinson in eight rounds at The Gardens. Robinson was down once in the first for nine and again in the fifth for a similar count. The bout was a dull affair from the third round on with "The Cat" continually clinching.

It was later discovered that Wright had suffered a head injury during the bout and he was rushed to the hospital after he'd collapsed in his dressing room.

Phil Muscato, 172, Buffalo, who has become a big favorite with the local fans, appeared for the third time in succession on a local card. This time he punched out a win over Lou (Tiger) Jones, 166, of Newark. Jones was down for counts in the first, third and fourth. It was an eight-rounder.

John D. Vorce scored a technical knockout over John Thomas of Lancaster, Pa., in 1:56 of the fourth canto after Thomas had been knocked through the ropes. The bout was listed for eight rounds. Vorce weighed 183 to the unfortunate Thomas' 178.

Sgt. Tommy Yarosz, 165, of Monaca, won every round from Otto Blackwell, 167. Poor Otto was hit from every angle but was just too game for his own good.

Sammy Kellman, 164, Brooklyn, scored a technical knockout over Al Clark, 165, of Detroit in the fourth.

Charlie (Young) Zivic bounced Frankie Porto, 148, a few times and got credit for a three-round T.K.O. in the opener.

PERSIAN GULF COMMAND
By PVT. C. ESPINEIRA
Special to THE RING

THE Gulf District Middle East boxing championships scored another smashing victory when they scored six victories.

"Rock" Campbell, PGC lightweight champion, scored a one-round kayo over Paul Halloway of the Mountain District in the feature attraction. He had Halloway down for short counts and then the referee stopped the fight.

The semifinal bout between Maxie Schindler of the Gulf and Mel Noonich of the Desert District turned out to be the best fight of the night, with Schindler winning by a knockout. They are lightweights.

Richard Washington of the Gulf District spotted "Wild Man" Zupancic of the Mountain District 17 pounds and after three hard rounds of fighting Washington was awarded the decision.

The results: "Tarzan" Johnson (Desert) defeated Johnny Callender (Gulf).

Ed Hill (Gulf) kayoed Bob Roig (Mountain).

George Christo (Gulf) defeated Steve Evans (Desert).

"Cowboy" Wilkinson (Gulf) drew with Jimmy Oren (Desert).

Mike Bocanegra (Gulf) defeated "Romeo" Bannas (Mountain).

Earl Jones (Desert) T.K.O. over Ted Dowdy (Gulf).

Richard Washington (Gulf) defeated "Wildman" Zupancic (Mountain).

Max Schindler (Gulf) kayoed Mel Noonich (Desert).

"Rock" Campbell (Gulf) kayoed Paul Halloway (Mountain).

IN HAWAII
By ART LIND

ONE of the best fight cards staged on this island this year took place at the Civic Auditorium on the afternoon of April 9th, when Dado Marino gained a hairline decision over Al Chavez in ten rounds. The verdict could have gone either way, though a draw would have been the best. The decision was booed by those who thought that Chavez had at least earned an even break.

Chavez won the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth rounds by hitting Dado with telling rights to the head. In the ninth, a powerful left hook opened a gash over Marino's right eye. In the last session Marino tried desperately to overcome the advantage gained by his rival in the last few rounds and he tossed a lot of leather at Chavez, and Marino took this round and, with it, according to the officials, the decision.

Frank (Blondy) Thomas won over Rocky Rios by a T.K.O. when he opened a deep gash under Rios' chin. Referee Walter Cho stopped the fight and raised Thomas' hand after 1 minute and 30 seconds of the fourth round.

This fight did not live up to expectations, as Rios did not show the class that made him a top-notcher on the mainland.

The other heavyweight bout turned out to be a wrestling match as Sandy McPherson was disqualified by Referee Walter Cho in the third round.

One of the best fights presented last night was the main preliminary between Bud Moran and Vince Tritto. Tritto took the fight after four fast heats.

Showing a lot of class, Young Pancho took a decisive decision over Al Byndum in another four-rounder. In the curtain raiser, Willie Holmes won all the way in four heats against Juan Atanacio.

Jimmy Brown, in an added bout, chilled Butch Hagen in the second round of their four-round bout.

Referee Walter Cho was given a big hand for the capable manner in which he handled some difficult situations. First, when he disqualified "Sandy" McPherson, for hitting his opponent while the latter was down and through the ropes. Second, for stopping the other heavyweight bout immediately when one of the fighters received a bad cut under the chin.

On the 29th of April, for the first time since December 7, 1941, Leo Leavitt, local fight promoter, staged a night card instead of the usual afternoon shows he has been staging. One of the largest crowds ever gathered in the club fought its way in to witness some thrilling milling. It looks like Leo really has something with the night program since all the soldiers off duty plus the defense workers are able to attend. The results are as follows:

The main event was for the flyweight championship in which Dado Marino beat Al Chavez in twelve rounds. In a six, Dutchy Kaakua lost to Sabas Jamito, 135 lbs. The rest of the card were all fours in which Jo Ho Shiroma beat Kid Waialua, Al Velez decisioned Semplicio Costales, Bobby Reyes nodded Al Byndum and Caesar Ferro beat Jimmy Brown.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

William Lines, Roselle, N. J.

Q.—What are the measurements of Freddie Mills?

A.—Sorry, we haven't them available.

Q.—What were his recent bouts?

A.—In his only fight last year he stopped Al Robinson in two rounds and this year he stopped Bert Gilroy in eight.

Danny Lucia, Stamford, Conn.

Q.—In what year and from whom did Joe Louis win the title?

A.—He knocked out Jimmy Braddock on June 22, 1937, in eight rounds.

Charles Borgens, Calgary, Alta., Canada

Q.—Can you give me the correct age of Tami Mauriello, the heavyweight boxer from New York City?

A.—Tami Mauriello was born January 4, 1920, in New York City.

Robert J. Lynch, Brockton, Mass.

Q.—Was Harry Greb's real name "Berg"?

A.—According to information contained in the files of this office, Greb's real name was "Harry Berg." This, however, has been challenged in a recent article in Pittsburgh. It is said that the birth registration shows the name as Greb. Take your choice.

L. D. Abriola SF 3/c, c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

Q.—Would it be possible to obtain the record and some pictures of Bushy Graham, former bantamweight champion from Utica, N. Y.?

A.—Suggest you obtain a copy of the All-Time Record Book from this office for records. We have pictures of Graham for sale. Price $1.25 for 8 x 10 inches.

Henry "Hank" Bruce

Q.—How was the first Louis-Godoy fight scored by the officials?

A.—Referee Donovan and Judge Lecron each gave Louis ten rounds, Godoy four and one even. Judge Shortell gave Louis only two rounds, awarded ten to Godoy and called three even.

Martin Chuccio, Memphis, Tenn.

Q.—What title did Tiger Flowers hold?

A.—He held the world middleweight title, which he won from Harry Greb on August 19, 1926.

Charles Hampfer, Boston, Mass.

Q.—By what names was Sam Langford known?

A.—The Boston Tar Baby and Sambo.

Q.—Did he ever hold a world title?

A.—No. He was a top-flight fighter all of his career but never was fortunate enough to gain the crown.

Alice Dorp, Norfolk, Va.

Q.—Did Joe Gans ever fight as a welterweight? Did he ever fight Sam Langford?

A.—Yes. He fought Joe Walcott in 1904 after Joe had lost a disputed verdict to Dixie Kid on a foul and Joe was still recognized by many as the welter king. He fought Sambo on December 8, 1903, in Boston and lost in 15 rounds.

I would suggest that you get a copy of Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring Record Book and find all this and much more interesting fight material so that you won't have to ask others for the answers.

Sam Tom Chin, San Francisco, Calif.

Q.—From whom did Jack Johnson win the world title and where?

A.—From Tommy Burns on Boxing Day, December 26, 1908, in Sydney, Australia. Police stopped the bout in the 14th round.

Carl Hegginsworth, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Q.—Did Jim Corbett knock out John L. Sullivan, or was the bout stopped?

A.—He scored a knockout in the 21st round at New Orleans, September 7, 1892.

C. B. Goolrick, Virginia

Q.—Was the Corbett who fought Terry McGovern the original Young Corbett?

A.—No. John Herget of California took the name of Corbett and he was the first to call himself Young Corbett. Then came William H. Rothwell, the Young Corbett from Denver, Colo., who fought Terry. And later came Young Corbett III, from California, who won the welterweight title.

Pat Besette, Wichita, Kan.

Q.—What has happened to Sixto Escobar? Is he fighting any more? From whom did Sanchelli win the bantam crown? Did Conn lose the light-heavyweight title or give it up?

A.—Escobar retired four years ago. He is now in the U. S. Army with a Puerto Rican regiment, stationed somewhere in the Canal Zone.

Sanchelli won the title from Al Brown at Barcelona in 15 rounds, via a decision, on June 1, 1935. You'll get all data on him in Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring Record Book.

Billy Conn retired as light-heavyweight champion on June 4, 1941, to enter the heavyweight ranks. He was undefeated.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

ALLIANCE, Neb.—Paul "Buddy" Komar, hard-punching eastern heavyweight boxer, is located at the A.A.F. base here. Komar is 21, 6 ft., 2 inches tall, and tips the beam at 190 pounds. Before he entered the service of his country he was under the personal management of Billy Meyers, of McKeesport, Pa.

Sioux City, Ia.—Staff Sergeant William R. Ingebretsen was named chairman of the recently organized base athletic council at the Sioux City Army Air Base. The council will handle all base intramural events and seek betterment of the athletic recreational program. The secretary of the group is Corporal Fred Kendrick.

Des Moines—Lou Nova, heavyweight contender from Van Nuys, Cal., scored an eight-round T.K.O. over Pug Wilson, Gary, Ind. A crowd of 3,000 saw the 205-pound Nova encounter considerable difficulty before his powerful punches brought a halt to the bout. Wilson weighed 196.

Del Cockayne, Des Moines 130-pounder, who decisioned Cecil Bradley of Jefferson, Ia., in Omaha, repeated his success here, but did it this time by a knockout in one minute, 44 seconds of the third round. Bradley weighed 131.

Lefty Louie Mays' new comeback attempt was crimped when the Des Moines veteran dropped a six-round verdict to Max Butcher of Omaha. Butcher, who weighed in at 157, floored the 160-pound Mays in the second heat.

In the opening bouts Willie Osborn drew with Bob Jackson. Sonny Washington stopped Glen Witcanack in two.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . County Attorney Edward L. Moran is doing right well as announcer for the amateur boxing cards staged at Trinity . . . Moran would click on any big-time fight program . . . Hap Burgess, former Sioux City *Journal* night sports editor, was home on furlough. Hap is in the Military Intelligence Department. . . . Bob Morley, former Golden Gloves champion, was also visiting the folks on furlough. . . . At Lincoln, Neb., Lou Nova stopped George Dixon of Duluth, Minn., in five . . . Cecil Bradley, Jefferson, Ia., dropped a decision to Marion Rhoten of Milwaukee at Minneapolis.

In case you failed to notice it, Percy Edward Farn Platt, former middleweight and light heavyweight boxing champion of Canada from 1915 to 1920, passed away at the age of 54, at Toronto . . . Another old timer, the Earl of Lonsdale, a prominent English sportsman who once fought John L. Sullivan, died in England at the age of 87 . . . To L. E. Williams of Memphis, Tenn. Will write you in the near future . . . Sailor Burke, former Sioux City boxing promoter and manager, is located in Omaha . . . Ray Mann, Sioux City boxer, who is in the service is located at an Army Air Base in Nebraska . . . He is in the Physical Training Department . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia., and your news for this spot must be in my hands by the fifth of each month. . . . Regret space will not permit me to carry all your news all the time, but will do my best to carry it some of the time.

Sioux City, Ia.—Clayton Johnson, Golden Gloves bantamweight champion, received tribute from Sioux City business and professional men and shared honors with Congressmen Charles B. Hoven as honor guest at the monthly forum meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in the Martin hotel. Johnson, west side Negro lad, won the bantamweight title in the Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament and then won the championship in Chicago. Fighting with the Chicago team he showed his wares in Madison Square Garden where he scored another outstanding victory.

Omaha, Neb.—Lou Nova, Van Nuys, Cal., heavyweight, scored a knockout over Paul Hartnek of Omaha in the sixth round. Nova hammered Hartnek successfully in every round but the third, when Hartnek rushed Nova into the ropes and landed a solid left hook which snapped the Californian's head back.

Twenty minutes later the 4,000 City Auditorium spectators gasped as Nova landed a right to the heart, which proved Hartnek's undoing. Hartnek weighed 188 to Nova's 205.

Feature preliminary bout saw Paddy O'Leary, Denver, brother of Omaha Golden Glover Mike O'Leary, score his sixty-eighth straight victory in amateur and pro boxing by a fourth-round knockout of Mike Collins, Denver.

Del Cockayne, Des Moines, had little trouble gaining a decision over Cecil Bradley, Jefferson, Ia., in the fourth round of their featherweight go. Alex Fidler, Cedar Rapids, Ia., refereed all bouts.

Sioux City, Ia.—A record crowd of fight fans turned out to see the amateur boxing card at the annual Trinity boxing tourney. Results were as follows: Pat Carroll beat Earl Fitzpatrick, 130; Young Sitzman beat Ray Hartnett; Cecil Rosaur, 141, beat Dick Lenagh, 145; Frank Kinney, 116, beat Bernie Cooper, 120; Jim Mosher beat Tom Ryan; Billy Lucson and John Landers, exhibition; Richard Harrison beat Tom Haried; Paul Underriner beat Martin Dreves; Vince Beacon beat Giles Beaccom; Tommy Donohue beat Bob Higgins; Gene Smith beat Charlie Bakvaukulaskas; Dan Barrett and Al Stokes fought a fast exhibition; Billy Sitzman was third man for the bouts. L. A. Barnes, timekeeper. Judges were Dwight Hauff; Cpl. Sam Blankman, and Sgt. J. Schwartz, the latter from the Sioux City Air Base.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By ROBERTO A. TORRES

CHALKY WRIGHT, No. 1 contender for the world's featherweight title, was held to a draw by Panama's No. 1 boxer, Young Cliffy Finnigan, in ten heats a few weeks ago.

Gerardo Beckford, 110, of Panama, decisioned Baby Zuniga, 113, of Colombia, in six heats.

Young Pino, from the Province of Chiriqui in the Republic of Panama, is Panama's latest idol in the small clubs. The Wild Bull, as he is generally dubbed by local scribes, scored two popular wins in his last two fights, which brings his total up to 23 without a defeat. His latest victims were Baby Alfaro from the City of Colon and Young Yellow of Panama. Both Alfaro and Yellow are good boxers but were unable to withstand Pino's rushes. This boy is a reminder of Baby Quintana.

Baby Al Brown, 133, of Kingston, Jamaica, beat Al Carlos, 134, in ten rounds.

Arthur Stewart, 157, of Colon, defeated Smiling Gitts in six cantos.

Young Ashley of Costa Rica whipped Young Porter in four rounds.

Al Barraza knocked out Tonin Troncoso in the third round.

Young Finnigan, 133, of Colon, and Panama's outstanding boxer, knocked out the Spaniard, Carmelo Fenoy, in the second round. Fenoy, who was a good boxer a couple of years ago, was no match for Young Finnigan.

Bobby Cook, 150, trained by former world's champion Panama Al Brown, knocked out Carl Roberts, 152, in the fifth round.

Colombia Kid, 136, one of the best amateurs in Panama, has turned pro and decisioned Baby Hunt, 131¼, in four heats. Colombia had Hunt on deck six times.

Speedy Lasso, 112½, decisioned Jose Lorent, 122, in four rounds.

Candelario Tunon, 107¾, whipped Young Joe Walcott, 107, in four rounds.

Roberto Carrillo, 132, of Peru, won an impressive ten-round decision over Leocadio Torres at the Club Tropican in the City of Colon.

John Pino scored his 24th straight win without a setback when he defeated Young Bedford in an eight-rounder at the National Gymnasium. Bedford outboxed the Wild Bull for the first three rounds, then weakened. The referee voted in favor of Bedford, but the judges saw it the other way.

Machi Testa, 110, scored a four-round decision over Candelario Tunon.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

FISTIC fans in Washington are flocking to Joe Turner's Arena twice a month as they are sure to see plenty of action in the cards arranged by Matchmaker Gabe Menendez. Gabe's card on April 10 was a crowd pleaser. It featured two slugging welters in the persons of Rocky Graziano, from New York City, and Bobby Brown, Washington's hard-punching ex-soldier boy. Punch, punch, punch seemed to be the order of the day, and consequently the crowd was in a continual uproar with the slugging tactics of both boys.

Neither lad showed much, if any, boxing style, and they both fought a red-hot but even first round. In the second, the crowd was on its feet as Graziano showed himself to be slightly the stronger of the two, when he rocked Brown across the ring with lefts and rights to the head. Both boys tired considerably as a result of the hot pace.

Brown, in the next few rounds, threw lots of leather and was going all out for victory, but Rocky caught any number of blows on his elbow and picked off the balance of them with his gloved hand. Meanwhile Bobby was tiring, due to his relentless activity, and Rocky was content to bide his time by picking his spots for each blow. A heavy body barrage in the opening minute of round five had a telling effect on Bobby. Graziano rocked Brown with two left hooks and finished him with three straight rights, ending the bout. The kayo came after 2:23 of battling. Graziano came in at 150 pounds, to Brown's 155.

The semi-final, a six, featured Tee Hubert, 167, Washington, and Stoney Lewis, 167, Washington, with Hubert taking the decision. Hubert showed a vast improvement over his last outing, when he lost to Holman Williams. Tee used a left hook to good advantage in his win and it was a good bout that could have gone either way.

Other prelims saw Mario Colon, 128, New York, kayo Lee Q. Murray, Jr., 126, Baltimore, in 1:35 of the fifth round of a scheduled six. In another six, Al Franklin, 148, Washington, decisioned George Williams, 135, Baltimore, and the opening six was won by Ernie Butler, 143, Washington, over Charley Millen, 145, Baltimore.

With a stinging right to the jaw, Aaron Perry knocked out Lew Hanbury in 19 seconds of the sixth round at the Uline Arena. This was the match all Washington had waited to see and with it Perry again bounced back into the big time. Despite his defeat, Hanbury made it the fight of his life and especially so after being floored for a nine-count and seven-count in the third. Lew's fifth was his best round, and in it he carried the fight to his heavier opponent and Aaron was noticeably worried.

However, in the opening seconds of the sixth stanza, Hanbury threw a left, leaving himself wide open, and Perry was in there with a murderous right. In this bout Perry had to be good to win, for Lew never looked better and he saw to it that there were no dull moments, as he shot his Sunday punches to Aaron's head, punches that had kayoed many other fighters.

In the first, Lew had Aaron missing as he danced around, left-hooking to Perry's midsection, but Perry's punching won him the opening heat. Every blow that Perry threw in the third carried dynamite, and twice he caught Lew with hard rights that floored him for the nine- and seven-counts. In the fourth Lew stayed away and recovered nicely from those punches received in the third, and in the fifth Hanbury won it through aggressiveness and scoring.

The semi-windup saw Hubert Samuels, 134, Philadelphia, and Davey Crawford, 127, Brooklyn, in a rousing draw. However, it was another six between Jackie Corbett, 172, Washington, who won via the T.K.O. route in 57 seconds of the sixth over Jimmy "Powerhouse" Johnson, 173, Washington, that had the fans on the edge of their seats during the battling.

In the other prelims, Pat Giordani, 145, Toronto, Canada, decisioned Sonny Wilson, 152½, Brooklyn, in a six, while in the opening four, Ernie Butler scored an impressive win over Harry Crawford, 149, Quantico, Va. A crowd of 5,574 paid a gross gate of $21,976.25 to see the action. Hanbury came in at 137 pounds to Perry's 142.

NOTES—Representatives from the District of Columbia Boxing Commission, the Board of Education, the Selective Service, and the Surgeon-General's office met at the Franklin School to discuss the possibilities of boxing in local junior and senior high schools. Much was said both pro and con regarding the subject, but there still are many sides to consider. Chief among them is the ability to secure competent instructors; also the reaction of the parents. The draft has played Merry Ned with our present crop of physical instructors and a goodly number of our amateur coaches in the local boys' clubs have been called to the colors. This type of job would be a full time one and require coaches of real ability. Among those appearing were Comdr. Gene Tunney, who was invited at the behest of Thomas A. Morgan of the District of Columbia Boxing Commission. Tunney's indorsement of boxing for the schools as a builder of men and future citizens was the best argument for those in favor of the program. The Board of Education has taken the planned program under advisement.

Carol "Kid" Alexander, in from sunny California, is resplendent in Uncle Sam's khaki and really looks fit . . . . Arch McDonald, top baseball announcer, auctioning off captured Jap equipment at the Perry-Hanbury fight. Plenty of War Bonds were sold . . . . Ray Bowen, Navy physical director and former District of Columbia referee, visiting for the Easter holidays . . . . Bull Wilson was fully recovered and set to make his debut as Sam Sobol's latest heavyweight find, but instead made his debut into the U. S. Navy . . . . Georgie Parks is getting many attractive offers from out-of-town promoters as a result of his seven-round K.O. win over Nate Bolden recently in Chicago.

Lew Hanbury reported for induction to the Army on April 24. Lew will be remembered by fistic fans for his great battles with Jackie Wilson, Henry Armstrong and Aaron Perry. Hanbury walked right in where Angott and others feared to tread. If Lew gives his all to Uncle Sam, as he did to the squared circle, we can see the Axis on the run. Lew, we, the fistic fraternity of Washington, salute you. Good luck.

Sgt. Marion "Putsey" Pulzone, former Golden Glover, is at home for a 30-day convalescence period. Pulzone suffered a leg injury while in the Pacific area with the Second Army Air Force.

Alex Sinagel, former District of Columbia A.A.U. and Golden Gloves middleweight champ, received boxing honors at his base in New Orleans. In a tournament, Alex lost to a New Yorker, but later it was discovered that the New Yorker was a pro. Alex asked for a return match and decisively defeated his opponent. For this he was awarded a beautiful trophy by Lt. Comdr. Steele, his commanding officer.

Before a near capacity house at Turner's Arena, on April 24th, Gabe Menendez showed the Baltimore vet, Tommy Mollis, against the New England champ, George "Red" Doty, over the ten-round distance. This was their third and rubber match. Previously Mollis had decisioned Doty at Turner's but, two weeks ago in Hartford, Red knocked out old Tom in one round. Fistic fans expected Doty to repeat and the odds favored him at 3 to 1, but Mollis won the unanimous verdict. Usually rematches are rather dull affairs but this one was a crowd pleaser. Mollis weighed 151; Doty, 149.

The six-round semi-final was an action-packed draw that saw Stoney Lewis, subbing for Tee Hubert, against Brad Lewis of New York City. Stoney took the assignment on a moment's notice and put up a very creditable performance. Both boys scaled in at 165. In another six, the only dull spot in an otherwise excellent card, Al Franklin, 146, Washington, decisioned Frank Gillen, 143, Baltimore. Referee Eddie Lafond threatened to call it "no contest" several times during the bout.

Ernie Butler, 145, Washington, knocked out Al White, 140, Baltimore, in 2:05 of the third. Butler continues to look good in piling up his third pro win. This was scheduled for six rounds. The opening six saw Geo. Farrell, 139, Washington, defeat Sammy Thompson, 134, Washington.

Nick Latsios, Alexandria's welterweight sensation, is now operating under a new manager following a deal in which Naaman Massey, the man who brought Nick up from the amateur ranks, sold a controlling interest to Pete Gianaris, president of the local chapter of Ahepa, National Greek society. Gianaris, a local sportsman, will leave the training of Latsios in Massey's capable hands. The amount involved was not disclosed.

Danny Petro, the wallopin' Wop, back with his original trainer and handler, Glenn Drake, seems to be in the pink. Hopes to land a headline date in the ballpark.

Present at ringside for the Latsios-Rovelli bout were Gen. Jacob Coxey, now ninety years of age, Jeff Davis, Hobo King, and the one and only "One-eyed" Connelly, gate crasher par excellence.

Billy Blake has returned from Boston and the National A.A.U. bouts with the Washington team that placed second and brought home two national champs. Young Joe Gannon, who has been in many an amateur bout since his sixth birthday, finally crashed the winners' circle in the welterweight division. He was also named the outstanding boy in the entire tourney. Congratulations champ!

Fighting a sensational battle in the middleweight division, was Francis Sweeney. Going into the finals suffering from an attack of dysentery, Sweeney slugged out a win, with a savage toe-to-toe attack with a more experienced foe. This was only Francis' fourteenth amateur bout. Sweeney displayed plenty of moxie in annexing Washington's second win and title.

May 1st, 1944, at Joe Turner's Arena, Nick Latsios won a split decision over Ray Rovelli of Union City, N. J., in a ten-round headline attraction. Previously Latsios was a T.K.O. victim of Rovelli when their bout was stopped in five rounds due to a cut eye suffered by the Greek. Rovelli looked bad in comparison to his last visit here, but in his favor was his ability to make Latsios look extremely bad at times, and Nick as a result failed to land his vaunted kayo punch. Latsios carried the first six heats and his best frame was the sixth, when he went to work on the Jersey lad. He opened up Ray's defense, with right uppercuts and scored repeatedly with rights and lefts to Rovelli's head. At times Rovelli was effective with a good right hand and in the eighth, he hurt the Greek with a sharp two-fisted attack to the body. Latsios scaled 151 to Rovelli's 153.

The prelims were very interesting and full of action. In a six-round bout, Ernie Butler, 145, Washington, decisioned Charlie Millen, 145, Baltimore, in a rematch. This was a good bout. In another scheduled six, Young Sloan, 140, Washington, knocked out Roscoe Perry, 140, Washington, in 1:17 of the third, while another six saw George Williams, 153, Baltimore, kayo Larry Galento, 151, Orange, N. J., in 2:12 of the first. The opening four saw Leroy Fleming, 156, Washington, take the duke over Tiger Fox, 155, Baltimore. This was a good card, with a near-capacity house.

Returning to Washington for his second bout in a month, Rocky Graziano kayoed Freddie Graham at Turner's Arena in 59 seconds of the third round. Warren Powell, 160, was stopped by Bobby Brown of Washington in 2.40 of the eighth round. Freddie Russo, 129, Rahway, N. J., kayoed Lee Q. Murray, Jr., Baltimore, in 1.54 of the first. Jackie Corbett, 171, beat Charlie Jones, 175, in six, and Gordon Styles, 150, drew with Eddie Davis, 150, in four.

The District of Columbia boxing commission announced the addition of two reserve referees to its staff. They are Joe Bunsa, former Catholic University ace, and Mike Tarduango. Both will work in prelims while serving their Probationary periods. The board also has entered into a working agreement with the Pennsylvania commission.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—Northern New Jersey boys did fairly well in out-of-town rings. Tony Riccio whipped Sawnee Jappa; Dom Amoroso knocked out John Stevens and Hubert Winfield. Larry Anzalone drew with Vic Dellicurti; Freddy Schott knocked out John Thomas and Ernie Williams; Lem Hatchet whipped Wally Di Maio; Johnny Cool outpointed Sammy Mammone, but was stopped by Eugene Burton; Pete Vergin whipped Clint Miller, but lost to Freddy Russo; Johnny Tuck lost to Teddy Randolph; Earl Mintz was stopped by Freddy Russo.

The best prospect of the month: Tazewell Thompson, young New York lightweight, who is undefeated in local ring battles.

Results of the month—Grotto, April 4—Rudy Giscombe, 147, Harlem, scored the biggest upset of the year. Halted Steve Riggio, 146½, New York, who had eighteen straight wins. The kayoes came in the third round. Johnny Cool, 139, Bayonne, whipped Johnny Williams, 137, New York, 8. Tazewell Thompson, 132, Harlem, knocked out Tommy King, 137, Bayonne Southpaw, 2. Bobby Walker, 136, Bayonne Southpaw, knocked out Al Joseph, 132, Wilkes-Barre, 1. Frankie Jaynes, 118, Wilkes-Barre, stopped Jackie Lacey, 122, New York City, 2. Andy Klinger, 138, Wilkes-Barre, knocked out Joe Louis, 140, Passaic, 2.

Grotto, April 11—Joe Governale, 160, Brooklyn, outpointed Coolidge Miller, 159, also of Brooklyn, 8; Taze Thompson, 129, Harlem, outpointed Jose Torres, 125, New York, 6; Milton Sykes, 144, New York, knocked out Tommy King, 143, Bayonne, in twenty-eight seconds of the first round. Nick Criswall, 177, Jersey City, knocked out Tony Matto, 173, Bayonne, 2; Wally Di Maio, 158, Bayonne Marine, knocked out Johnny Spoon, 154, Newark, 2; Al Mobely, 138, Newark, kayoed Bobby Walker, 139, Bayonne Southpaw, 2.

Grotto, April 18—Rudy Giscombe, 148, Harlem, easily outpointed Freddy Graham, 149, New York, 10. Taze Thompson, 130, Harlem, drew with Jimmy Pell, 131, New York City, 6; Tony Fusari, 156, Newark, knocked out Joe Robinson, 158, Passaic, in the first round. Wally Di Maio, 150, Bayonne Marine, knocked out Howard Settles, 150, New York, 1.

Grotto, April 25—Joe Governale, 154, Brooklyn, outpointed Verne Patterson, 149, Paterson, 10. It was Verne's first loss in his last eighteen starts. Lulu O'Connor, 120, Montreal, former Canadian Flyweight Champion, outpointed Jose Torres, 121, New York City, 6; Frankie Curry, 126, Hartford, knocked out Gus Mell, 125, Montreal, in the third round; Andy Klinger, 138, Wilkes-Barre, whipped Larry Edwards, 140, New York, 4; Al Joseph, 131, Wilkes-Barre, outpointed Joe Fernandez, 135, Brooklyn, 4.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

LACK of heavyweight talent, which is the division favored in main events here, has lowered the number of boxing shows to one a month at the downtown Armory. For the past two years the Hercules A.C. has featured the big boys on all programs except one. That once, lightweights displayed their wares before a scant crowd.

Johnny Denson, Indianapolis heavyweight, by registering a 12-round decision over Jack Marshall, Dallas, Tex., at the local Armory now holds a 3-to-1 edge over the Texan in four meetings. Denson has beaten the Lone Star state belter twice here and once in Dallas, with Marshall winning a 12-round encounter locally.

Denson won honors with a stiff left jab with which he cut Marshall's left eye in the fifth round, with superior in-fighting throughout the bout Denson held his lead. Weights were for the Hoosier, 189; for Marshall, 190.

In the eight-round semi-windup, Arnold Deer, Indianapolis middleweight, won over Tom Woodard, Columbus, O., Negro. This bout, a slam-bang punchfest, was close enough to have been called a draw. In a previous six-round fracas, Woodard won a decision in the same kind of blistering duel.

Tiger (Clown) Kiggans, local welterweight and Pagliacci of the squared circle, bowed to Willie Russell, Columbus, O., in six rounds. Russell dropped the clowning Kiggans in the sixth frame for a nine-count with a body attack.

James Sherron, three times Indianapolis Golden Gloves welterweight champion, recently mustered out of the army, decisioned Alonzo (Tiger) Wills, Dayton, O., Negro, in six rounds. This was Sherron's pro debut; with proper handling he should go far in his division.

Roland (Chief Hop-a-long) Hopp, a Chippewa Indian, easily won over Bob Caine, Indianapolis middleweight, in four rounds. Hopp, also a Golden Glove graduate, is a product of the Leeper boxing school.

Sgt. Buddy Maxwell, nineteen-year-old former lightweight favorite, is recuperating in a U.S. army hospital in Italy. Maxwell, in a letter to this writer states that he has not seen a RING magazine or local newspaper since he has been across. Cheer up, Buddy, recent and current issues of THE RING and newspaper clippings of local fights along with best wishes for a speedy recovery are being sent to you, compliments of yours truly.

Pfc. Richie Shinn, San Francisco Korean and adopted lightweight favorite here, is engaging in bouts in England. Shinn, who appeared in five bouts here without defeat, recently won an eight-round tiff over Johnny McManus, a Scot, at Manchester, England. Previously he had won five amateur bouts in that section in inter-camp bouts.

Also from Great Britain comes word that Elza Thompson, giant Negro heavyweight of Indianapolis, who holds wins over Jorge Brescia, Eddie Blunt and Clarence Brown, is waiting army sanction for a bout with Freddie Mills, British Empire heavyweight king.

Colion Chaney, local Negro heavyweight, won a six-round decision over Irish Mickey Hayes at Milwaukee. Other out-of-town bouts involving local mitt-tossers found Robert Simmons winning over Johnny Roszina of Milwaukee in eight rounds at Chicago. Tiger Kiggans was stopped in five by Johnny Green, Buffalo, at Detroit and Roland Hopp lost a four-rounder to Mike Sopko at Chicago.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDMUND BECK

THE Rhode Island fight fans were shown another episode of the Lewis-LaChance feud, and again Charley "Cabey" Lewis, New York Negro featherweight, proved he was the master. The bout was stopped by Referee Tim Ferrick with 31 seconds remaining in the tenth and final round. Lewis floored LaChance three times in the fourth round and three more times in the tenth round. Lefty had a slight edge in the going until Cabey exploded with his Sunday punches to end the proceedings. The victor weighed 127½ and LaChance 131¼. 2070 patrons paid $4182 to witness this good match.

In the semi-final eight-rounder, Walter Lewis, brother of Charley, scored a two-round knockout over Rudy Rivera of Mexico. Lewis weighed 129½, Rivera, 130½.

Paul Collicci, 157, Providence, knocked out Irish "Patsy" Pryor, 152, South Providence, in 1:56 in the third of a sixer.

In another six, Jimmy Ruzzo, 176¾, West Warwick, knocked out Andy Ethier, 165¾, Worcester, at 2:01 of the third round.

Joe Celletti, 138¾, East Providence, outpointed Ernie Guisti, 138½, West Warwick, in a four-rounder.

Ernie Forte, 148, promising Providence welterweight, scored a technical knockout over Young Scott, 144, of the British Navy, in the second round at Lynn, Mass.

Contrary to the erroneous report in the local newspaper that Forte was defeated by Al Evans at Bath, Me., this was actually his first appearance in the ring since his discharge from the U.S.C.G.

RHODE ISLAND AUDITORIUM—May 1: Charles "Cabey" Lewis, 128, evened the score with Vince Dell 'Orto, 130, Philadelphia. Lewis won the unanimous ten-round decision, although Dell 'Orto was the aggressor all through the bout. Lewis's harder counter blows got him the duke.

Speedy Du Vall made his bow before Providence fight fans with an impressive win over Bobby Howard of Hartford. Du Vall, a Philadelphia Negro boy, is managed by Dan "Doc" Avery, Jr., a former pugilist. It was an eight-round semi-final packed full of action. Du Vall weighed 168, Howard, 159¼.

Jimmy Ruzzo, 176¾, South County lightheavyweight, knocked out Johnny McGee, 168½, Hartford, in 1:12 of the first round.

Eddie Moniz, 129¾, Fall River, decisioned Paul Powell, 132, Pittsburgh, in six rounds.

In a four-rounder Ernie Guisti, 136¾, South County, stopped Frankie Palma, 137, Fall River, at 2:05 of the second round.

Gross gate $3,428; witnessed by 1,775.

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IN BRITISH GUIANA
By COMPTON SANTOS

IN a bout at the B.G.C.C. Grounds, Georgetown, between Joe Ralph and George "Stinging Ant" Fraser, doubly crowned champ, Ralph carried the fight throughout, boxed beautifully, and had the "Ant" looking silly most of the time. Fraser hit the canvas twice in the third round and once in the fourth, then in turn dumped Joe once in the fifth, but was again floored in the sixth, and last frame, the bell ringing at the count of six. Ralph received rounds of applause. Many American soldiers, sailors and marines were present. The boys were invited then to tour the Naval Base, and entertain the Gobs with some exhibitions, but only Fraser was able to make the trip. Fraser boxed six rounds with Bartica's lightweight ace, "Lightning Swift".

Young "Joe Louis" did it again. He romped off to his seventh straight victory by taking the measure of William Visic in four heats, at the Olympie Stadium on April 10. Visic was no match for the clever Negro, who landed frequently. He dropped his opponent three times in the third round. A hard right to the jaw in the fourth session ended the slaughter. Louis tipped the scale at 143½ lbs. to 137 lbs. for Visic.

Young Samuels (119½), defeated Alphonso Jones (115), on points in a four round preliminary. Samuels has won all his pro bouts to date. Alvin Joe (145), outpointed Nick Farley (150), also over four rounds. The six-round semi-final, brought about the first K.O. of the card, when "Black Dynamite" (142), delivered the goods to Kid Simmons (137½), in the third stanza.

On Sunday, April 9, Nanth Sumare, 117, outboxed Fighting Rajah, 132, to gain a popular eight rounds decision. "Rags" Paul, 126, scored a two-round T.K.O. over John Tony, 131, while Lew Zarrah, 131, and Kid Ferdie, 136, finished a dead heat. These bouts took place at the Whitehall Theatre, Albion, Berbice.

From London, Ontario, Canada, comes word that former boxer Cliff McWhirter, now in Service, is official instructor there.

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PORTLAND, OREGON, BOXING NOTES
By JACK McCALLUM

BECAUSE the Auditorium is not available, the National Boxing Club was able to stage only two shows during the month of April. The big fight of the month was the Joe Kahut, 173, vs. Bob Blevins, 184½, main event of April 21st, which drew a gate of $9,172 and resulted in a clear cut win for Kahut by decision in ten bitter, hard fought rounds.

Both Blevins and Kahut—neither has yet reached his 21st birthday—went to it from the opening gong. Blevins, former California Golden Gloves heavyweight champion, was handled by his crafty manager, Ray Carlen (who managed Lou Nova), and by Harold Broom, ace second from Oakland, Calif., but they could help Blevins very little against a shifty, bobbing Kahut, who gave his bigger opponent quite a going over.

On April 28th, Matchmaker Joe Waterman had a small show which featured the return to the ring of Jimmy Liddell, 141, young Los Angeles Negro, recently discharged from the army after being wounded at Guadalcanal. It was Liddell's first fight in almost three years, but he managed to give Eddie Weller, 146, a terrible body beating and walked off with Referee Kermit Stewart's decision at the end of ten rounds.

In another ten rounder on the same card, Mickey Pease, 158, drew with Joey Albina, 162 (Frankie Argenzia, of Brooklyn, N. Y.). It was such a great fight that Joe Waterman rematched them for a 15-round bout with the Oregon state middleweight championship at stake.

Seattle is still without boxing. This big city of the Pacific northwest, one of the best boxing towns in the country, is unable to connect with a promoter suitable to the State Athletic Commission. Bud Oliver, matchmaker for the Victory Boxing Club, at Spokane, Wash., is showing on an average of about once a month with houses averaging around the $1,800 mark.

Tiger Jack Fox, former light-heavyweight champion, is in Spokane following his discharge from the Army, and is talking about making a comeback at the age of 39. . . . Fox is after a match with Jimmy Casino, now a Chief Specialist at the Naval Station at Farragut.

Mel Roberts, Portland's good lightweight, is in the Army. . . . So is Angelo Petrella. . . . A Joe Kahut-Lou Nova match would draw a tremendous gate in Portland. . . . So would a Kahut-Lloyd Marshall fight. . . . Jack Fahey, 78 years of age, who managed "Mysterious" Billy Smith in the long distant past, is still around, hale and hearty. . . . And so is Fred Merrill, former boxer and bicycle racer, at 84.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

HERE are the reports from San Francisco and Vicinity.

Harold Blackshear, Camp Blythe, lost to Al Jordan, Chicago, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium. Blackshear not only lost that decision, but he was taken by M.P.'s for being AWOL for eight days from Camp Blythe. The Military Police did not let Blackshear take off his gloves in the ring.

While going ten rounds in the main event with Al Jordan, he took a bad beating. Jordan won easily over Harold, handing him a lacing for six of the rounds. In the fifth and sixth Blackshear connected with rights to the head, staggering his foe.

Blackshear, overweight, was too old and slow for the Chicago youngster.

Weights: Jordan, 188; Harold, 212.

In the semi-final Bob Blevins laced Ira Hughes, Negro heavyweight (6). Hughes subbed for Silent Joe Hill who didn't report.

Silent Escobar, a deaf mute, returned to the ring after a long lay-off to stop Henderson Howard in three; Leroy Pate, another deaf mute, won a four-round decision over Art Robinson. In the opener, Don Wixon kayoed Cal Robinson in the third.

The biggest bout in San Francisco this year took place between Holman Williams and Jose Basora in the Civic Auditorium. The Puerto Rican belter was a favorite, but Williams took the decision. The decision was decisive but far from easy. Basora had the edge in the first two rounds. Then Williams became the aggressor and took five rounds by crowding, jabbing, and making Jose miss. Basora took the eighth, but lost the last two rounds. Williams won seven rounds, Jose three.

Some fans are tired of Williams' powder-puff punching. He hasn't scored a knockdown in winning five out of six fights in 'Frisco.

The promoters were disappointed as the house grossed $11,479, with Basora being guaranteed $5,000.

Weights: Holman, 155½, Basora, 156.

Undercard: Speedy Cannon, 151, knocked out Billy Harrison, 153, in three; Louie Flyer, 148½, flattened Chris Gallagher, 145½, in one; Bobby Silver, 145, defeated Cal Robinson, 140, in four. Walter Roscoe, 151, outclassed Jack Pacheco, 148½, in the four-round opener.

Paul Lewis, Oakland Negro, gave the Los Angeles veteran Kenny LaSalle, a boxing lesson in their ten-round headliner at the Oakland Auditorium. The Negro lad took nine rounds and Kenny one. By winning, Lewis made it two wins and a draw with LaSalle. Lewis also proved LaSalle was no foe for him. There were no knockdowns. The referee was Jimmy Evans.

Weights: Lewis, 154½; LaSalle, 159½. The gate was $5,800.

In the eight-round semi-final, Charlie Catos, 159, drew with LeRoy Wade, 162. Wade subbed for Al Tribuani. It was a hammer-and-tongs match.

Paul Roguejo, 130, decisioned Johnny Jurs, 137, in six rounds, and Gil Mojica, 177, flatted Leon Moore, 185, in the opening round. A right to the jaw put Moore away for good.

Young Tommy Egan, San Francisco Irishman, went ten rounds to a draw with Ross Romero, Livermore, at the National Hall. It was a rematch, the first engagement going to Romero by a decision. The match was a hectic one with Romero having a slight edge, but Referee Johnny Lotsey said it was even and that's the way it'll stand.

Egan was given a two-minute rest during the sixth on a foul. Romero's eye was checked twice in the late rounds. They are welterweights.

In the semi-windup Jackie Ryan, 145, drew with Pedro Jiminez in six rounds. Jimmy returned to the ring after a few months off; Leonard Hodgson, 162, stopped Joe Souza, 166, in the third and Al Douglas, 139, decisioned Cal Robinson, 139, in the four-round opener.

Both Frankie Nelson, 163, and Al Jordan, 190, came through with victories via T.K.O. at the Oakland Auditorium. Nelson won over Jerry Goldberg, 170, in the sixth round. Nelson had scored a lop-sided victory. Goldberg would have taken a really bad beating if Referee Jimmie Evans had not called a halt. Goldberg had a badly cut left ear and claret flowed from it.

Referee Billy Burke called a halt to the other ten-rounder in the ninth, when Al Ware (Jordan's foe) said he had injured his right hand. It was found that Ware had broken his right hand in two places. Al Jordan had been winning easily.

Weights: Ware, 222½, Jordan, 190.

Both Goldberg and Ware were fighting their last civilian match. Other results: Silent Escobar, 168, T.K.O.'ed Leonard Blanchard, 160, in the fourth and in the opener, Speedy Cannon, 160, defeated Leroy Pate in four.

Soldier Al Tribuani, Eastern lad now in the Army at Fort Ord, T.K.O.'ed Billy McCoy, Navy southpaw, in the eighth round of the main event at National Hall. Tribuani, who fought the best of them, easily laced McCoy, the Mission veteran. Al twice dropped McCoy in the first; the bell saved him from a K.O. in the seventh. The referee was Bobby Andrews.

Tribuani was overweight at 161, while McCoy weighed 155.

In the semi-final, Auriel Contoure, 148, flattened Pedro Jiminez, 152, in two; Al Douglas, 138, decisioned Gene Thomas, 141½, in four, and Bobby Silver, 147, T.K.O.'ed Tommy Carroll, 150, in the second.

Paul Lewis, brother of Ex-champ John Henry Lewis, pounded out an easy ten-round decision over Vincente Villavicencio, Tia Juana, at the Oakland Auditorium. Lewis won all but the second and third rounds, fighting one of the best fights of his career.

In the second, Villa connected with a right to the head and sent the Negro lad into the ropes. A right, in the third, raised a big lump on the side of the Negro's left eye. With the exception of those two rounds it was Lewis all the way.

The referee was Billy Burke; the gate, $4,500; the weights: Lewis, 159; Mexican lad, 154.

In the semi-final, LeRoy Wade went to a six-round draw with Speedy Cannon. The middleweights put on not too fast a bout.

Jimmy Collins and Lincoln Stanley, welterweights, went six to a draw.

Herman Travis knocked out Gene Thomas in the third round, and Bobby Silver decisioned Cal Robinson, in the four-round opener. Referee of preliminaries, Jimmy Duffy.

Al Tribuani rallied in the latter rounds to win a ten-round decision over Johnny Dias, Honolulu, at San Jose. Dias returned to the States after spending some time in Honolulu. Tribuani had been beating the best of preliminary lads here, but Dias is one tough lad to lick. One or the other will meet Lewis in not too long a time.

Weights: Al, 160; Johnny, 158.

Ed Halligan, 154, triumphed in the semi-windup six-rounder over Speedy Cannon, 154, San Francisco.

Johnny Armando, 141, won over Pete Romero, 136, San Francisco, by a T.K.O. in round four.

Georgie Duke, Pataluma youngster, and "Lefty" Louie Flyer, Los Angeles, tangled in a corking match which saw eight knockdowns with Flyer finally taking the count. A match of this kind occurs only at little National Hall. Al Firpo, an unexperienced timekeeper, counted Flyer out in the second and rang the bell in 1.57, but the official counter is the referee, and he only counted nine. Firpo said he rang the bell thinking the match was over, but Referee Billy Burke said he had counted only nine, so the match had to be continued. The paying fans argued pro and con; while this was happening Flyer luckily was taking a rest and recuperated.

The main event continued and turned out to be a slugger's match, with first one down, then the other. In the eighth, Flyer was down (his fifth time) and this time he was counted out though the count seemed very short—only 7 seconds.

Weights: Duke, 151; Lefty Louie, 149.

In the semi-windup, Frankie Marino, T.K.O.'ed Bob Tyree in the third; Al Douglas decisioned Pete Romero, lightweights, in four; Jimmy Collins and Bob Silva drew in the opening four.

Willie Calhoun, Vallejo Negro, managed by Guido Giometti, rallied in the ninth and tenth to receive a ten-round decision over Harold Red Rasmussen, Sacramento Coast Guardsman, at Sacramento's L Street Arena. Weights: Calhoun 145; Rasmussen, 148. On the undercard: Bud Christmano, 124, U. S. Navy, won by a decision over Joe Mace, 120, Sacramento, in four rounds, and Leonard Hodgson, 163, Sacramento Negro lad, won via the T.K.O. route over Eddie Munyer, 163, in the fourth round.

Fred Apostoli, San Francisco's own former middleweight boxing champion, returned home after more than two years with U. S. Naval forces in the South Pacific.

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SHORT JABS: Georgie Duke is Army bound, taking another main event from Frankie Scaler's National Hall. . . . The retirement of Eddie Booker, San Francisco middleweight, came as a blow to all "Frisco fans." Eddie announced his retirement was due to his eyesight. Eddie went to his local draft board for induction, but they turned him down saying to watch his eye or it'll be blind. This writer thinks he did the right thing in retiring, for you have but two eyes and you need them both. Eddie was at the peak of his career after just beating Holman Williams, who later defeated Jose Basora. We all hate to see Booker go, but if he must, he must.

D.A.V. has shown but one card at the Civic Auditorium this month, due to not having any main-eventers. . . . After losing to Jack Chase, Paul Lewis has come back into the limelight in Oakland, defeating Kenny LaSalle and Vincente Villavicencio. . . . Tony Olivera T.K.O.'ed Joe Robleto in the fifth down in Hollywood. . . . Jack Chase no longer holds California's middleweight crown. It now belongs to Charley Burley. . . .

Russ Newland's newest invention, the "Round Ring," was used on a San Francisco wrestling card. . . . Alan Ward and Speed Riley have been reporting the Oakland fights to fans in the Bay Area over Radio Station KLX every Wednesday night, and have done a lot for shut-ins.

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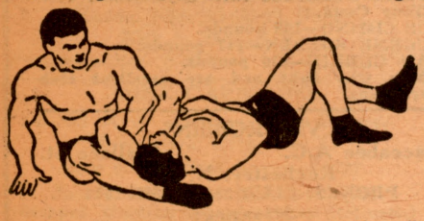

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SERVICE NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR

By PVT. MOE ROKEACH

DESPITE the greatest conflict known, crushing restrictions to professional and intercollegiate sports, manpower shortages, travel bans and many other harassing factors, sports run at a high pitch even with the battle weary GI's throughout the world. That is a living testimonial to the part athletics contribute to our servicemen's morale.

"Kings of the Ring," a panorama of fistiana's greats, covering a period of more than 50 years and including champions from John L. Sullivan through Joe Louis, is now being shown at all shore bases in the United States for Navy personnel by the Navy Department. The film is expertly narrated by Nat Fleischer, Editor of The Ring Magazine. Any Navy post can get the film by applying for it at the storekeeper's headquarters in the district in which the base is situated.

Bob Pastor, one-time New York heavyweight title aspirant, is stationed at Miami Beach in the Army's AAF Administrative Officer Candidate School. He's had little time to even remotely think of boxing.

Lt. George Cheroke, Ohio State footballer, who was voted the outstanding freshman in spring football practice in 1941, has gained recognition overseas in another sport—boxing. Lt. Cheroke scored a sizzling three-round technical kayo over Cpl. Herman Rawlings, Milwaukee, somewhere in England. The fight was sponsored by the American Red Cross.

Pvt. Frank Tunstill, Lockbourne Air Base 118-pound scrapper, became the first serviceman to reach the semi-finals in the Columbus, Ohio, Golden Gloves tournament.

Marty Gallagher, former Washington, D. C., heavy, is about to join the armed service. Gallagher is boxing instructor at Georgetown University.

Lt. Jimmy Olcutt Phillips, winner in the Texas Golden Gloves tournament while he was a corporal stationed at Camp Bowie, and winner of the Joe Louis sportsman trophy at Chicago, is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

Young Kid McCoy, middleweight, has been discharged by the Army on a C.D.D.

Cpl. Tom Swavely, who participated in over 100 professional fights and once held Billy Soose to a ten-round draw, is a boxing instructor at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Sgt. Dick Raines, former heavyweight wrestling contender, has been made combat instructor at Camp Hood, Texas. He packed them in when he squared off against King Kong Cox in their encounter at Wright's Playhouse in Waco. So fierce was the expected encounter that Jack Denney, a local referee, refused to officiate. In his place, Frank Brown, the Houston Hercules, substituted.

Cox is the leading exponent of the "lethal" diamond head twist. Raines has performed many times in this vicinity since being stationed at Camp Hood. He has lost only once, to Wild Bill Logston.

"For extraordinary achievement in the European theater of operations," Capt. E. Larry Slugga was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the 8th AAF fighter command. Slugga was 155-pound wrestling champ at Ohio State University and is a veteran of over fifty flight missions over Nazi held territory. He previously was decorated with the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf clusters.

IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

By DANNY MYERS

ALLIE FRANK, Harrisburg boxing promoter, staged a show in which he featured Sal Bartola, the N.B.A. featherweight champion, at the Madrid Palestra. Bartola opposed Johnny Cockfield, who hails from the nation's capital. Cockfield put up a hard but a losing battle with the champ. A fighting heart was the only thing that kept the Washington dusky from being counted out before the ten-round bout ended.

The officials awarded every round to the champion, who always had a left hand flicking in the face of his opponent. He snapped the head of Cockfield back with a fast, stinging left.

Other bouts found Bobby Smith, who is a big hit with local fans, again a winner. He scored a kayo over Jimmy Jerico in 1:20 of the sixth round. Smith comes from Philadelphia. He weighed 126. His opponent, from Washington, weighed 130.

The highly touted Ross Strickland, 164, of New York, lost a close eight-round decision to Teddy Horton, 168, of Philadelphia.

In the opening bout, Al Franklin, 145½, of Washington, D. C., caught Young Tommy Sloane, 140, of Baltimore, flush on the button in 2:30 of the first round to score a kayo.

If you are a boxer without managerial ties, and you wish booking, contact the writer at 1420 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Allentown's busy promoter, Claude Zotter, pitted Jesse Moraney, 158, Harrisburg, against Lee Datts, 159, Philadelphia. Moraney was declared the winner after eight gruelling rounds. It was Moraney's first bout since he was the victim of a K.O. in Harrisburg at the hands of Harold Jamaica Smith.

Jimmy Hill, 148, Harrisburg, won by K.O. over Jackie Smith, 146, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Andy Klinges, 133, Wilkes-Barre, won a hard-fought battle from Red Fees, 138, of Lebanon, Pa.

Allentown will have outdoor shows in the Fair Grounds. The first card will be presented about the middle of May, with Jesse Moraney, who is a big drawing factor in Allentown, as a headliner.

NEW ENGLAND BOXING NEWS

By DAN "DOC" AVERY, JR.

NEW ENGLAND promoters and matchmakers are getting panicky because of lack of talent, and with the present war conditions as to manpower, it is going to be a difficult problem to handle boxing.

Bobby Howard, under the new management of Jimmy Kingsley of Hartford, Conn., is coming along nicely. At Lynn, Mass., Howard won from Larry Pacina in eight rounds.

Sal Bartola has been made a 7 to 10 favorite in his coming defense of the N.B.A. featherweight title match with Phil Terranova. This is a return match as agreed on before the first Bartola-Terranova fight was made.

Arthur Costa of New Bedford has a promising bantam in young Lodz. This boy is a stiff puncher, and will make the grade. Costa also trains Joe Montiero, the Wareham featherweight, for the writer.

Billy Baines of Philadelphia is seeking bouts with New England lightweights. He holds wins over Santa Bucca, Al White, Willie Smith, Francis Allen, Huey Civitte, Charlie Davis, Joe Murphy and numerous others.

Another good middleweight eager to show in New England is Willie Clayton of Philadelphia. He is a good fighter and weighs 160 pounds.

Dick Finnegan, one-time New England featherweight champion, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy. After retiring from the ring, Dick was appointed a court officer.

Red Chapman, another great featherweight who fought Finnegan a number of times, is a court officer . . . Tony Shucco is now managed by Jimmy Johnston of New York.

Red Doty of Hartford is doing well at the Silverman clubs.

A new club is operating at Manchester, N. H. Sully Hammit is the pickup man for the club. He was recently discharged from the Army.

Received a communication from Don Hamill, Ring representative in Connecticut, who is in the Navy. A great fellow and a great Ring booster.

Many readers of The Ring Magazine in New England were unable to get The Ring because of the shortages of paper. The publisher is doing everything possible to put out as many copies as he can to keep our New England fans happy. Why not round up your friends who are perhaps more fortunate than you in securing a copy, and ask them if they would let you have The Ring after they are through reading same, and when you are through reading it, won't you please mail it to the nearest military camp in your neighborhood, so that your boy, or my boy, or your friend's boy can also enjoy the greatest boxing magazine in the world? How about it, fellow New Englanders? This is in answer to the many letters received from fans in New England, asking why they cannot secure a copy of The Ring.

Promoters, managers, fighters, send in your news to me at Village St., Millis, Mass. Managers seeking to show their boys in New England rings can secure all information and help as to bookings by dropping a line to the above address.

WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By THEODORE YAMACHIKA

THE last two wrestling shows put up by Promoter Al Karasick at the local auditorium drew the biggest wartime houses since the grunt and groan game was revived here more than a year ago. Both times the auditorium was packed to overflowing, reminding fans of the heydays when such luminaries as Bronko Nagurski and Jimmy Londos showed here. The fact that no championship was at stake on both these nights make the large turnouts even more remarkable.

Charley Carr, Territorial junior heavyweight champion and holder of The Ring Magazine gold belt, still retains the number one position as head man among local grapplers. He successfully defended his title against Chester Hayes not so long ago and more recently beat Sammy Cohen. His only setback is to Axel Madsen in a non-title bout.

A newcomer to Honolulu fans but not to the wrestling game is Sgt. "Babe" Smolenski, who made his debut several weeks ago by taking the measure of Big Boy Clement. The "Babe", who has wrestled such topnotchers as Jim Londos, Strangler Lewis, Joe Savoldi and Don George under the monicker of Babe Small, showed in his only appearance enough stuff to warrant him matches with the best here. He is without doubt the strongest man in local wrestling. He hails from Portland, Oregon.

Axel Madsen, the undefeated New Yorker, keeps up his winning ways, his most recent win being over the Territorial champ, Charley Carr. Axel, a clean cut blond, is perhaps one of the most popular local wrestlers. His spectacular crucifix hold is the nemesis of all his opponents. If he keeps up his good work he is bound to get a title match with the champion before long. For one thing he has defeated most of the local crop of wrestlers, including Chester Hayes and Bucky O'Neill, two of the top contenders for the crown.

Jimmy Gonsalves was recently given a semi-final match against Harry Dellis. This was the most important match of his short career. Unfortunately Jimmy, in attempting a body flip, knocked himself groggy and fell an easy victim to the ever ready Dellis. This may prove that Jimmy needs much more experience before he can hold his own with the top men and it certainly proves that good wrestlers are not made overnight.

The return of Kaimon Kudo to local ring wars has added much zest to the mat game. Kaimon hails from Oregon but Honolulu has been his home for the last several years. Ever since wrestling was revived more than a year ago, he has been busy acting as referee for most of the main events at the auditorium.

As we predicted a month ago, Sammy Cohen has worked himself up to the number one villain champ. Sammy's roughhouse tactics of kicking and gouging is the scourge of all the local wrestlers and they are very reluctant to get in the ring with him. Fans are waiting eagerly to see Sammy matched with Bucky O'Neill, another roughhouser. This will be the match of matches and will be worth going miles to see.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOXING NEWS

By PVT. TOM EPHREM
(Somewhere in Sicily)

THE big show in boxing is over and the boys, more than 1000, who participated in that gigantic display of fisticuffs, are now back in the fighting sector, the bigger task of subduing the enemy being ahead of them. The Algeria boxing extravaganza did two things—it bolstered the morale of the service men, who, though the finals were staged more than two months ago, are still talking about the contests, particularly the prospects, and the show developed an interest in boxing such as could not be expected under ordinary conditions on the fighting fronts. Whichever way one takes it, the meet was a huge success.

More news on the boys who saw action in the Algiers tournament, and of those who are in the actual war area:

Pvt. Ralph De Luca who, as Ralph Griffin, fought outstanding battles in New York and New Jersey, among them Allie Stolz, Maxie Fisher, Artie Tedesco, Young Phil Sharkey and Freddie Archer (twice), is in Sicily. De Luca beat Tedesco in his final appearance before entering the Army. He is from Newark, N. J. He lost to Omar Koudri in the Algiers tourney, but put up a good, game stand. Ralph gets THE RING Magazine through his manager.

Joe Polowitzer, of East Hartford, Conn., is with a Fifth Army ack-ack outfit in Italy. A lightweight, he fought Ray Robinson (in amateurs); Dick Turcotte, Red Doty, Beau Jack, Kogon and others. He's doing a great job in Italy.

Met Sgt. Bobby Sylvester, Florida boxer, at the Algiers tournament. Bobby, a parachutist, was left in Algiers, due to illness, while his outfit moved out. He is a Sarasota boy, and has been overseas over 9 months.

Sgt. Dick Madden, Irish Boston heavyweight, is in Algiers. He is with an M.P. Battalion. Dick, a good boy in his day, kayoed Ted Sandwina in five; fought a four-round no-decision bout with Max Baer; beat Jack McCarthy in two ten-rounders and beat Eddie "Unknown" Winston in a 12-heater. Dick is related to Bartley and Jeff Madden.

Fidel LaBarba, ex-flyweight king, and John Carroll, movie star, now in the Air Force, renewed acquaintance on the opening Algiers tournament card.

S/Sgt. Lucius Tompkins, formerly Joe Dixon, of Trenton, N. J., is one of the 15th AAF boxing coaches. In his fighting days, he met Young Terry, Joey Ness, Carmen Prestic, Lester Smith, and had offers to meet Kid Chocolate and Pete Nebo. Tompkins states he is responsible for the starting of Larry Lane in the pro game. Tompkins is at present in Italy.

At the Algiers tournament the fans all missed, in my opinion, a great bet and bid for the professional light-heavyweight crown, when Stanley Goicz, a good looking New Yorker, was forced out of the meet with an injured hand. Previous to receiving the injury, he had everyone talking about his beautiful boxing that sent his stock soaring as "THE ONE" in his class. There's something of a Tommy Loughran-Gene Tunney resemblance when he gets in the ring.

One of the contestants at Algiers, Robert G. Clark, Y 2/C, was a member of the Pensacola boxing team, under the direction of Johnny Bell, in 1943. A strong, durable lad, handling himself pretty well for the experience he has had, Clark looks bright for a lightweight.

The irony of it all: Three buddies of Ralph De Luca, Newark pro welter, namely, Sgt. A. J. Infante, Pfc. J. Caparotto, and Pvt. Rothman, with no furlough in three years, decided to get leave to see pal Ralph appear in boxing togs in Algiers. Taking the plane from Sicily, the three companions arrived in Algiers, but the mission proved other than intended. De Luca had fought and lost to Omar Koudri, the day before.

I met at the fights, S/Sgt. Leon Zuckerman, former sports editor of the Long Branch, N. J., *Record*. Leon is a close pal of Dewey Fragetta, and the two correspond steadily. Leon is in the Algiers area.

George (Cliff) Keorkle, U. S. Navy, in North Africa, was previously stationed in Rhode Island, with middleweight contender Steve Belloise.

While in Algiers, Fidel LaBarba visited Major Don Russ, who was a patient in a hospital. Major Russ and LaBarba were together at Stanford University, class of '31. We met the major and conveyed his message to Fidel, who lost no time in going to see his buddy. Also in the Algiers area, was Fidel's "fraternity brother," Major Irk Coverly.

Lt. L. D. Potts, of Special Service Section, NATOUSA, helped the Algiers tournament with his fine press work.

Lt. Jim Burchard, *Stars and Stripes* front line reporter, was sent to Algiers to assist the publicity for the Inter-Allied tourney. Lt. Burchard covered the campaigns in Tunisia, Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily (with First Division), and Italy. He is the editor of the *Stars and Stripes* in Palermo, Sicily, and worked for a time for THE RING editor, Nat Fleischer.

At the sports desk in the Algiers *Stars and Stripes* office, is Nat Fleischer's 1943 All-Time Record Book, which is instrumental in giving out the answers to questions that reach the sports department.

Somewhere in Italy, Steve Klaus, a former Hungarian Olympic boxer, spends his time in a concentration camp by training Italian boys in their boxing. These Italian boys have a good knowledge of the sport and can handle themselves with the gloves. Klaus is highly thought of by the Italians.

It's Chief Warrant Officer Raphael Gaber now. Presently located with the Air Force in Italy, C.W.O. Gaber was largely instrumental in running the excellent boxing shows in Tunis, when he was stationed there. He received 100 per cent assistance in matchmaking from Sgt. George Gelfer, in charge of boxing in Eastern Italy.

Pvt. Herode Drouin, one of the Fifth Army boxers in the Algiers tournament, writes from Italy, that before the Fighting Fifth left North African shores, a clash between his fellow mates and the M.B.S. squad, in Oran, resulted in a seven out of nine bouts triumph for General Mark Clark's scrappers.

T/Sgt. Harry Rosenblatt, recently given this new rating, a Jacksonville pal of yours truly, is doing duty for Uncle Sam, in India. Harry was among the "very firsts" to land in North Africa on the invasion, and later did duty in Italy.

Eddie O'Neal, crack Negro welterweight prospect, is back in Sardinia after being shipped from North Africa to Sardinia to Italy, and back here again. Incidentally, the Hot Springs, Ark., soldier-boxer is one of the Station Hospital's patients.

In Italy now, Sgt. Tony Tortorice, previously in North Africa, writes that his pal, Irish Mickey Canty, good Massachusetts welterweight, is also located near him. Tony's father used to box as Tony "Kid" Churve, and the name passed from father to son. Tony receives THE RING Magazine each month, a blessing to him.

Two All-Sardinia boxing champions, Bill Erskine, amateur lightweight, and Sammy Adragna, pro welterweight, both are RING Magazine readers from way back. Each lad has been getting his monthly copy through the subscription route.

T/Sgt. Dick Sommerville, of Utica, N. Y., one of the trainers for the Sardinia team, has sent in for THE RING Magazine's yearly take. Dick did a swell job in training and working the Island champions, as also did Tony Coiro and Gerry Hall and Bob Ford. Even in defeat, though not without a bitter struggle, their boxers were a big hit in the Algiers meet. Not one of their boys lost by a kayo. The "hero" here is Sammy Adragna, a Pittsburgh boy.

Both Ford and Coiro, ex-boxers, have subscribed to THE RING Magazine, while Hall has been getting the Boxing Bible for a long time.

Sommerville, while back in the States, was an ardent RING follower. In his home town, Utica, Dick was co-promoting the fights, and then in Algiers, he met a former participant in his club, Carl Palombo, winner of the featherweight (amateur) crown. Here we would like to say a word about Dick's mother, Mrs. Sommerville, praying she has fully recovered from a severe illness.

West Italy, with some nifty boxers in the area is now staging boxing in "Madison Square Garden," Naples. The promotion is under the guidance of Lt. Charles Gordon of P.B.S., Special Service. Encouraging the boxers to condition themselves for the gloved battles, Lt. Gordon has all training facilities for the boys, workouts being in daily order, and there's no lack of boxing paraphernalia.

Lt. John Murphy used the fighting knowledge his boxing referee dad, Johnny (Spud) Murphy, well known in the trade, taught him when the younger Murphy led a fighting batch of American infantrymen on Cassino, in Italy.

Lt. Edgar L. Whitburn, of the British Royal Navy, who is stationed in North Sardinia, has had a colorful career inside the roped square. "Ed," as he is most popularly known, was the sole officer entry, not only in the All-Sardinia title combats, but likewise in the big Algiers, North Africa, tournament, the All-Allied show. The handsome Englishman steps a good pace for his 32 years of age, and is a pretty good boxer.

His best blow is a left hook, either to the body or head. In London, England, Ed donned the gloves with regularity. He made his first public appearance at the age of eleven, learning the boxing sport from his father, who had quite a reputation as an amateur in 100 bouts. Whitburn, Senior, is at present in Calcutta, India, helping His Majesty to win the war. Ed, in 1930, captured the Cadet Middleweight Championship, and garnered the Imperial Services Middleweight crown in 1935 and 1936. He has never been knocked out during his fistic career.

"Will think about giving up fighting when someone knocks me out," is his statement. And in regard to the future in family boxing, Lt. Whitburn concludes, "All my children, when I have them, will be boxers, even the girls." The Royal Navy officer-boxer holds a membership in the Belsize Boxing Club, in London

Four more RING subscriptions come through our Station Hospital. The latest members are: Pvt. Robert E. Ruell, Jr., of Alpine, Mich.; Pvt. George (Handy Man) Butler, of Minatare, Neb.; Pvt. Tony Coiro, of New York City, who boxed in the amateur and pro fields, and is one of the boxing trainers for the Sardinia squad. Pvt. Ruell, sporting a February RING issue, took the cover, which had General "Ike" Eisenhower's picture on it, and placed it on the wall in his room.

RING subscriber Pvt. William Burchett, of Chester, Pa., subscribed a yearly devotion to his soldier buddy, Pvt. Harry Marchman, who is somewhere overseas, and is renewing his own when this previous one expires.

Bombardier John Clark, in England's Royal Artillery, somewhere in Italy, is an amateur boxer in the senior-welterweight class. He participated in the Algiers tourney. His home is in Greenwich, London, and he has a record of over 120 amateur bouts in civilian life. He won the London's Men Federation Lightweight Championship in 1938. While serving His Majesty, Bombardier Clark kept up his boxing and was a semi-finalist in the 1942 Army Championships, England. At his present stand, in East Italy, Bombardier Johnny won the East Italy title (1944) which made him eligible for the Algiers trip. He was given a statuette for overcoming four opponents in the Italian ring battles.

Pvt. Willie Jackson, Negro light-heavyweight from Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pa., was one of the best punchers in the Algiers meet. He displayed wonderful improvement. Willie fought in the Golden Gloves in 1939 and got into the New York finals but lost. He is now stationed in Italy.

Sgt. James (Jimmy) Geary, Negro amateur middleweight from Paterson, N. J., has a good boxing style and displayed it to advantage in Algiers. Sgt. Geary got off to his boxing start in 1939, when he competed in the Diamond Belt bouts. He had several bouts during that year. In 1942, Jimmy, in the Army, was stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and campaigned in eight bouts as a welterweight. He was too good for all eight rivals, and won all. Then came maneuvers, and the trip overseas, and he resumed his glove wielding in Italy, where he is presently located.

Horace Thompson, O.C. 2/C, a Negro lad, reached the finals in Algiers, but lost out to Claude Brown, Louisville, Ky., pro battler, in the championship bout. Horace upset Big Buddy Buford in a hot match the night before. He is on assignment with our Navy in North Africa. His home town is Many, La. As an amateur boxer, Thompson won the Diamond Belt title at Baltimore, in 1940, then went to the semi-finals in Boston. His total amateur experience is three years, and he has boxed a year now as a pro. He kayoed Buddy Moore and Leo Matriciani, and lost four bouts in six clashes.

M/Sgt. Sol Lester, Negro boxing figure, hails from Chicago, Ill., and knows boxing very well. Sol is in East Italy, where he is also one of the trainers for the 15th A.F.S.C. team. He had experience as a boxer, amateur and professionally, and has been training boxers for a number of years. While with the II A.S.A.C. in Tunis, Sol helped the boxers there. In the United States, a school for Negro boxers was under his charge, at Barksdale Field, La. He was among the first men to start California Jackie Wilson, one of the leading welterweights, in training.

Pvt. John Pietrafitta of South Philadelphia, Pa., was a patient at our Station Hospital. He is one of the best informed on boxing.

To Irwin Goldie, somewhere in England: A letter I had written to you during January, has been returned to me. Please drop me word at 60th Hospital Base, APO 763, Postmaster, N. Y., so I can get your address and Good Luck, Pal.

Sammy Adragna, All-Sardinia pro senior-welterweight champion, stationed near the 60th Station Hospital, informs me that his boxing brother, "Mimmie" Adragna, is with our Marines in the South Pacific, and Jackie is with the paratroopers at Fort Benning, Ga.

A crack, all-Negro flying unit—a hard-hitting Fighter Squadron, in Italy, has possibly the top name in any Negro group. It is doing a great job out there and is wreaking havoc against the Nazis. Among the pilots is Lt. James O. Freeman of New York, former light-heavyweight Golden Gloves champ. He made two Olympic trips during his amateur career. The State of Florida is

justly proud of Lt. Charles P. Bailey of Punta Gorda, also piloting here. Lt. Bailey is only one of the six "battling" Baileys who are helping Uncle Sam. Good flying and fighting, boys.

I hope these few words will enable our Servicemen's Mothers to understand the feelings of the boys, so far away from home.

To you Mothers:

We all are not forgetting our loved ones back at home, and our thoughts are constantly with you. You are the sweet and lovable souls who never forget your boys, regardless of where they are. We all feel you are with us. We all are honoring you, Mother, as Mother's Day arrives, by keeping in the finest of health, taking the finest care of ourselves, and are ready at all times to do our duty. You brought us into the world, nourished us from helpless infancy, and sacrificed everything for us. We cherish this thought on the battlefields.

Wherever we all may go, dear Mothers, you will always be with us.

Soon, we all hope you will welcome us all home. God bless you all. This is from the boys at the fighting fronts.

Small Montana, former flyweight champ to the boxing game, and Pfc. Benny Gans to Uncle Sam, is the bugler at Camp McCoy, Wis. Benny and Yours Truly were located on opposite sides of the street at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Pvt. Sixto Escobar, former king of the bantamweights, is serving Uncle Sam in the Panama Canal Zone area.

Close harmony among the English and American fighting frontliners is specified in a letter from Sgt. Edwin Crook, of His Majesty's Forces, in Italy. Edwin, with the Royal Engineers, writes: "We have some of your engineers with us on one of the jobs; they're a grand lot of chaps, and I think we have done a good job together."

Cpl. Henry Ussery, former Gadsen, Ala., boxer under Bill Gore's wing, has written for extra RING copies, which will be sent him. He is a machine gunner with a Parachute unit, doing swell work in Italy.

That swell brother of mine, and a Navy hand, Georgie Ephrem, has sent for a renewal of his subscription to THE RING Magazine. "I would hate to miss a single copy of THE RING, and I'll be waiting for my copy of Nat Fleischer's 1943 and 1944 All-Time Boxing Record Books," writes Georgie, on duty out in the Atlantic.

George Feltes, Ray Heling's middleweight boxer, has been shipped out from Great Lakes Station and is on sea duty. The above news is sent in by Sgt. Don Wallenfang, stable buddy of Feltes.

To Sgt. Tony Tortorice, somewhere in Italy: The sketch of your career arrived and has been sent to THE RING for publication in the Servicemen's Honor Roll.

Dick Sommerville, fight trainer of the Sardinia team, and Bill Erskine, of its champ squad (lightweight), were both patients at the 60th Station Hospital. All's well, now. The "60th" does a masterful job in getting 'em back to good health.

Rufino Diaz, S 1/c (Bob Monin), is awaiting his ship and will be out on sea duty by the time this appears. Although he has retired from boxing, Diaz does don the gloves once in a while in friendly square-offs with pals.

Pvt. Leonard (Lefty) Brand, big booster for THE RING Magazine, writes in from England, where his outfit, a Tank Destroyer unit, is stationed. "Lefty" saw boxing shows in London, and speaks well of a Negro boy, Arthur Pershley.

Flight Officer Harvey G. Lippman of New York was one of our patients at the Hospital. Harvey is a former photographer of the New York *Times*. He was also connected with Bill and Charlie Johnston, well-known managers, and is a pal of Jimmy Johnston, Jr. A "hello" from Harvey to all his friends. Located here in Sardinia, somewhere, he flies a night fighter, and is an image of football's famous Tommy Harmon.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

WITH Promoter Henry Andrews working on three big pro shows for the summer outdoor season here, all signs point to record-breaking turnouts of fistic fans if Andrews can land some real matches. Syracuse and upstate fandom are hungry for the return of boxing, and with MacArthur Stadium the best available site, the seating capacity will be no worry. The huge ball park can accommodate more than 20,000 for boxing.

One of the most popular types of entertainment at various clubs is the 16 mm. sound motion pictures of ring battles of the past. Films showing fights that made ring history keep the boxing-minded ringworms posted and serve to settle many arguments as to which two famous scrappers was the better man. Nat Fleischer, RING publisher and editor, made many friends for the game by showing these movies at various Army Bases. We have screened countless fight films in this sector and are looking forward to the time when Fleischer's picture, "Kings of the Ring," will be available for 16 mm. projectors.

THE MAIL BAG: Thad Lewis, Chicago:—Young Fisher's real name is Charles Fazio. As "Caveman Fisher," Fazio fought the best men in the world at his weight and over, including Harry Greb, Bryan Downey, Mike O'Dowd, Mike McTigue, and others of that class. Fisher seldom weighed over 165 pounds. Roy F. LeFevre, Butte, Mont.:—Roy Manley was a welterweight out of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He had a brother Jack, also a boxer. The boys were started by Jimmy Hennihan, but Tommy Mack handled Jack while the latter was living here. Johnny Coe, Buffalo:—You refer to Bert Courage. His dad and two brothers are ministers. Ray Klein, Syracuse:—Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul Phantom, was the man who stopped Sailor Weldon, at old Star Park, in one round.

Corporal Norm Cardaro of the Army surprised a capacity crowd by scoring a sensational two-round knockout over Bobby Giles, Buffalo middleweight, at Binghamton's Kalurah Temple (April 3). Cardaro dumped his heavier foe with a terrific left-hook to the jaw, followed by a hard right to the midsection, after less than a minute of hostilities, in the second stanza of a scrap slated for eight rounds. Cardaro weighed 153; Giles, 160 pounds.

Cardaro's win was all the more spectacular because Giles had scored four straight knockouts in the Binghamton ring. The soldier, a former Batavia, N. Y., boxer, was stopped himself in a previous encounter, a month ago in the same ring, by Buffalo's Johnny Greene.

Results of other bouts on the Bingo card follow: Al Jolson, 151, Binghamton Negro, halted Johnny O'Keefe, 155, Garfield, N. J., in the third round of a scheduled eight-round semi-final. Sonny Boy Hampton, Buffalo, 141, outpointed Pete Cappy, Kingston, 138, in a gruelling eight-round preliminary battle. Jimmy Evans, 135, Auburn, outslugged Jimmy Carlson, 135, Schenectady, in the four-round curtain-raiser.

Stanley Miller, Brooklyn welterweight, made a hit at the Binghamton club on a preceding card, when he was awarded a close decision over Joe Miller, Buffalo, after eight rough rounds of slambang action (March 20). The verdict was greeted with boos, the packed house voicing the opinion that Miller had at least earned a draw. Promoter Lloyd Welsh plans to rematch the pair.

Other results on the Miller-Miller card: John Thomas, New York heavyweight, put away Stanley Mika, Buffalo deaf-mute in the first round of the scheduled eight-round semi. Jimmy Evans, Auburn lightweight, punched out a six-round win over Harold Arrington, Binghamton; Pete Cappy, Kingston welter, stopped Paulie Wilson, Carbondale, in the fourth of a scheduled sixer. In the opener, Piffy Citar, Triple Cities lightweight, drew with Albin Buczek of Buffalo.

LEFT HOOKS: It's Capt. Bert Courage now—The former Hobart College heavyweight star, who scored more than 55 knockouts before turning pro, was elevated to his new rank recently in England . . . One of the most promising young lightweights developed here in a long time, Sgt. Frankie Adams, a clean-cut youngster, is reported missing in action overseas . . . He was formerly Assistant Boxing Coach of the Y.M.C.A. ring team, under Jim Fittipaldi . . . Friends of Dickie Thompson, Manlius welterweight, a rough, tough slugger in the ring, are mourning the fighter, who was reported killed in action with the paratroopers over Italy . . . Dickie was only 22 years old, and a colorful ringman, as well as a hard-fighting soldier.

Coast Guardsman Hugo Bonacci is in the South Pacific . . . Hugo, a grand welter, now grown into a heavyweight, has served overseas more than two years . . . Joey Kushner, rugged, hard-socking local feather, will be on the sidelines at least two months . . . Joey suffered the loss of a finger in a machine, while working in a defense plant . . . Johnny Hoffman, Syracuse Negro middleweight, now in the Army, wound up close to home . . . He is stationed at Pine Camp, N. Y. . . . Bobby Di Bottis, Syracuse University boxer, has been given a medical discharge from the armed service, and is now employed in the Foreign Department of the Carrief Corporation . . . Lt. Lawrence J. Skiddy, Jr., overseas, son of the Syracuse *Herald-Journal* sporting editor, has been advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant . . . Pep Cassillo, Schenectady boxing promoter, and colorful sporting figure in the Dorp City for years, has been accepted for the Navy . . . Tom McMahon, WAGE sportcaster, announced over the air waves recently that Syracuse will get its much needed sports arena after Victory.

Irving Robbins, Syracuse boxing manager, promoter and leather salesman, keeps his large stable of boxers busy . . . All of Robbins' boxers work in defense plants and do their training after working hours . . . Stan Edwards, local Negro Kayo King, who cleaned up the amateur light-heavyweights in up-state New York so thoroughly he ran out of opposition, turned pro, then failed to appear for his first paid-to-punch fight in Binghamton, where he is a big card! . . . Result, suspension by the New York State Athletic Commission . . . Billy Browne, former prominent local referee, now a sergeant in the Army Air Corps, is stationed in Denver, Col., where he married a school teacher . . . Ben Carnegie, who fought under the monicker of Young Benton during the days of Soldier Bartfield, Mike O'Dowd, Panama Joe Gans, etc., used to work out at Billy Grupp's gym in Gotham . . . Ben is now residing here and likes nothing better than a discussion of the Old Timers . . . Carnegie claims Jack Dempsey was the greatest heavyweight champion in boxing history.

GULFPORT FIELD BOASTS A TOP-FLIGHT TEAM

By PVT. HERB KONDO

GULFPORT FIELD, MISS., with its scintillating array of top-ranking fighters, has acclaimed Boxing as The King of Sports! During the past six months Gulfport Field's boxers have engaged with Joe Louis and his entourage; entered and fought in the Golden Gloves of New Orleans; and fought the neighboring Keesler Field Boxing Team.

Tops in pugilistic talent at this Base have been John Garner, rated among the top ten light-heavyweight fighters in the world last September by THE RING Magazine, and also as the "fighter of the month" in his weight; Jimmy Moore, protégé of Billy Conn, and sparring partner for "Sugar" Ray Robinson and Henry Armstrong; Jesse James, Harold Wilson, Arthur Harris, Gilbert Mitchell, Tom MacIntosh, Ernest McGregor, Negro fighters; and Sgt. Fred Moritz, Tommy Ingracia, Marshall McCarthy, Jim Dooley, and Humbert Demos, among the white boxers.

When Sgt. Joe Louis fought at Keesler Field, John Garner opposed him and dazzled some 9,000 G. I. fight fans with his sizzlin' two-round exhibition with the Champ.

On the same card, "California" Jackie Wilson fought a four-round exhibition with another Gulfport Field boxer, Jimmy Moore. Wilson, recognized far and wide as one of the best welterweights in the world, proved himself as such that night with some of the classiest boxing seen in many a moon.

Gulfport Field's crack Golden Gloves team fought at New Orleans during the first week of February, and attained the finals and semi-finals in two weight divisions. Marshall McCarthy, elongated portsider, won the lightweight championship in a fight with Sgt. Fred Moritz, another Gulfport Field boxer, in a fast-hittin', hard-punching three-rounder. Pfc. Jim Dooley was eliminated after climbing into the lightweight semi-final ranks, by having to fight two fights in a row. Dooley impressed the sports writers as one of the best in the tournament.

Humbert Demos, promising lightheavy, reached the semi-finals in that weight division before bowing out. Others entered were Dallas Babson and Don Michelin.

Present middleweight champion of Gulfport Field is Jesse James, who also holds the title of former middleweight champion of Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Fight promoters who have seen James in action speak highly of him. Harold Wilson, top-seeded professional lightweight from Kansas City, Mo., is the outstanding fighter and boxer in this field. Both Wilson and James fought the Keesler Field boxing team two days in a row for three weeks. Also fighting for Gulfport against Keesler were Arthur Harris, Hugo Finney, Dudley Young, and Spencer Blanks, present Inter-Group Heavyweight Champion.

A fighter's condition plays an all-important role in his fistic career, and Gulfport Field's team emphasizes that point. The fighters owe their excellence to one Pvt. Al Joyner, of Stillman's Gym, former professional fight manager and close friend of Beau Jack. Under Joyner's tutelage, fighters have surpassed the wildest expectations of their fighting ability. Joyner also acted as chief second for a host of fighters, and fulfilled Nat Fleischer's words: "A second is to a boxer, what a nurse is to a baby."

The Field's boxing program is under the competent command of Lt. Alexander Tihay. Prior to Lt. Tihay, Harry Brooks Mandel was matchmaker. Mandel, a former professional fighter of international prominence, and more recently, a fight manager, was, in civilian life, manager of Jimmy Carollo. 'Tis the same Carollo, who under Mandel's experienced hands, won the National Golden Gloves Heavyweight Championship at New York, and who fought such top-ranking fighters as Pat Comiskey and Joe Baksi. Harry Brooks Mandel was by far and wide the true genius of "the squared circle". Mandel handled the Golden Gloves team.

Mickey Dugan, S/Sgt. Jesse DeLouis and Herb Kondo also acted as matchmakers. The announcer for the fights is S/Sgt. Foster K. Hartman. Sgt. Melvin Lewis acts as referee.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BRUCE WOODCOCK of Doncaster, who is one of the finest heavyweight prospects in Great Britain today, kept his unbeaten certificate when he disposed of Ken Shaw of Dundee in the fifth at Leicester. The contest was hard fought, with first Woodcock and then Shaw having the edge. The Doncaster lad kept cool, and after withstanding a veritable hurricane of blows from the Scot, made a good recovery to hand out some heavy punishment in return.

During the fifth stanza, Woodcock kept landing powerful rights in Shaw's face, and one of these severely damaged the Scot's left eye, and forced him to retire at the end of the round.

Bert Gilroy, Scottish middleweight champion, handed out a points defeat to Jim Berry of South Shields in eight fiercely contested rounds.

George Parkes of Dundee forced Frank "Kid" Bonsor of Nottingham to retire at the end of the fourth session with a damaged hand. Parkes was well ahead on points.

Al Phillips of Aldgate, who has rapidly risen to the forefront of the featherweight challengers, scored another good win, when he defeated the British Empire bantamweight champion, Jim Brady of Dundee, on points over ten rounds.

Phillips did not let up during the entire bout. He gave Brady no rest and from the third round onward, there was no doubt as to the ultimate outcome of the contest. The Aldgate lad dropped Brady twice, once in the fifth round for a nine-count, and once in the sixth round, again for nine. Brady arose in difficulties, but the bell saved him from further punishment.

As the bout proceeded, Phillips became further and further ahead on points, and at the final gong, received a well-earned decision.

Cyril "Zoot" Cameron of Jamaica drew with George Bunter of Leicester over six rounds.

Vince Hawkins, the 20-year-old unbeaten middleweight, retained his unbeaten certificate when the decision of a draw was given in his contest with Tommy Davies, middleweight champion of Wales. Hawkins seemed unlucky not to receive the decision as he had made most of the fighting, and kept on the offensive throughout the bout.

Norman Lewis, Welsh flyweight champion, knocked out Tony Roberts of Canada in the second of a scheduled eight-round bout.

The finishing punch was a beautifully delivered right cross to the jaw that put the Canadian down with no chance of rising before the fatal ten.

Johnny Ware of Bournemouth outpointed Cpl. Douglas Bygrave of the R.A.F., and Harry Davies of London outpointed Dusty Welland of Watford, both of these contests being over the eight-round course.

Syd Worgan of Wales and Ben Duffy of the Royal Navy fought ten hard rounds at Bristol before the decision of a draw was given. Both lads were on the offensive. The decision seemed the only one possible, because it was a fiercely-contested bout.

Glen Moody of Pontypridd outpointed Gene Fowler of Canada over eight rounds.

Vernon Ball of Wales knocked out Ron Gladwell of the Royal Navy, while Dennis Rebbeck of Chippenham outpointed Gwyn Davies of Wales.

Dave McCleave of London, former welterweight champion of Great Britain, outpointed Dick Turpin of Leamington in ten rounds at Coventry.

Sgt. Peter Kane of the R.A.F. has been forbidden to box again while he is in the Royal Air Force. This decree came after Kane had been examined by an eye specialist, who expressed the view that any hard blow or jolt might cause a serious recurrence of the eye trouble which first bothered Kane last January, and would thus incapacitate him from carrying out his service duties.

Seaman Harry McLaughlin of the Royal Navy outpointed Sgt. Jim Logie of the Army in ten rounds after a hard-fought battle at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow. The contest was full of thrills, but McLaughlin, by virtue of his snappier boxing and harder punching, gradually pulled ahead to draw the referee's nod at the end.

In the chief supporting bout, Ginger Ebbetts of Glasgow was forced to retire at the end of the eighth of a scheduled ten-round contest with Les Brown of Gateshead. Ebbetts was outclassed by the Gateshead boy, and it was obvious that he could never win the bout.

Peter Gardner of Glasgow kayoed Jackie Kerr of Glasgow in the second.

In the six-rounder, Tommy Burton of Manchester beat Danny Ward of Belfast on points.

Johnny Clements of Coatbridge outpointed Dixie Deans of Larkhall in ten rounds at Nat Allen's promotion at Bellshill. Clements handed Deans his first defeat since joining the professional ranks, but this setback should mean little as Deans is a willing youngster, who shows promise as a fine prospect and his defeat at the hands of the Coatbridge veteran should add knowledge to the store he must build up before he can really enter first class company.

Jack McCusker of Glasgow outpointed Miles Harkins of Scotland over ten rounds on points.

Billy McCarthy of Coatbridge beat Chris Moran of Dundee on points over ten rounds, while over the same distance, Jimmy Dunn of Glasgow drew with Johnny Higgins of Bathgate.

Danny Woods of Clydeside, with a big advantage in height and reach, outpointed Billy Ross of Methil before a packed house at Grove Stadium, Glasgow. Woods, a lightweight, who stands six feet in his socks, was too good a boxer for Ross and rapidly pulled ahead, to ensure receiving the decision at the end of the ten rounds.

David Ross of Methil kayoed Jim Mack of Hamilton in the sixth.

Neil McIntyre of Glasgow beat Billy Boyle when he forced the latter to retire in the ninth session of a scheduled ten-rounder, after handing out a terrific shellacking to his opponent.

Jack Kirkham of Blackpool easily beat Colin MacIvor of Hamilton after six fiercely fought rounds. Kirkham hammered MacIvor unmercifully and won every round.

Frank Meachem of London outpointed Johnny McDonald of the R.A.F. in ten rounds at the Coop. Hall, Peterborough. Meachem had a big advantage in height and reach and clearly outpointed the R.A.F. lad, who came in for a big round of applause for his persistent efforts.

Johnny Boyd of Peterborough and Art Elmore of Kettering fought hard for eight rounds, with Boyd receiving a well-earned points decision.

Arthur Wright of Peterborough and Harry Ruff of London had a great battle of eight rounds, with Wright winning.

Ken East of Watford beat Jimmy Desborough of Wisbech on points over six rounds, while over the same distance Tom Brownlow of Wisbech beat Mick Franks of London, and Keith Watkins of London beat Derek Farrow of Peterborough on points.

Peter Banasko of Liverpool gained a convincing points win over Ivor Jones of Blaenavon in the main eight-round bout at Walsall Town Hall. Banasko dictated the contest all the way.

Louis Fearns of Dundee was forced to retire in the third of a scheduled eight-round contest when he received a badly cut eye, after being ahead on points in his bout with Roy Ball of Pontypool.

Albert Southall of Walsall kayoed Fred Palfrey of Derby in the third of a scheduled eight-round bout, Palfrey surviving seven long counts before the fatal ten, was finally counted out.

Jack Tranter of Hednesford defeated Billy Andrews of Perry Barr on points in a six-round contest.

Billy Slaney of Nottingham and Reg Hunt of Derby fought a hard six-round contest, with Slaney receiving the decision.

Bob Ramsay, the smart Stepney welterweight, made his first appearance at Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium and handed out the first defeat to the hitherto unbeaten Billy Russo of Canada in ten rounds. Ramsay proved too fast for the Canadian. He outgeneraled and outboxed Russo throughout to receive a well-earned decision.

Johnny McKay of Edinburgh kayoed Tommy Gillon of Liverpool in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder, after forcing the latter to take several counts before the final one.

Ralph Moss of Blackpool beat Frankie Jackson of Hull on points over eight rounds, while Nat Jones of Barrow kayoed Benny Green of Chester in the third, and Jack Skyrme of Barrow beat Mick Howard of Liverpool on points in four.

Ronnie Clayton of Blackpool gave quite a beating to Jack Chambers of the Army at Blackpool when he forced the latter's seconds to toss in the towel in the fourth as a token of defeat after having the latter down for two long counts and was dealing out some heavy punishment when they decided to call it a day.

Benny Duffy of Bootle beat Jack Crossley of the Army when the towel was thrown in during the third of a ten-round contest, and Pat Ryan of Widnes outpointed Johnny Cato of Fleetwood over six rounds.

The above bouts took place at Johnny Best's promotion at the Tower Circus, Blackpool.

Manuel Abrew, the Negro Scottish heavyweight, at present serving in the Merchant Marine, seemed a trifle unlucky to lose on a disqualification in the third in his contest with Bob Scally of Scotland. Scally, who was deputizing for Paddy Sullivan of Ireland, was floored three times during the first round by heavy right-hand body blows. Although he was successful in cutting Abrew's eye during the second round, he was forced to take another count of six before the round was over.

Scally could not seem to effectively counter Abrew's body barrage, and took two more counts before another body punch floored him again, and was declared to have been low. Abrew was immediately disqualified.

In eight rounds, Gene Fowler of the Canadian Army defeated Sgt. Howie Spencely of the Canadian Army on points and Jack Watkins of the R.A.F. beat Seaman Noble of the Navy on points over six rounds, while Frank Ronan of Fulham received a points decision over Jack Wright of Windsor.

Pat O'Connor, middleweight and cruiserweight champion of Eire, seems to be dogged by bad fortune in his series of bouts with Bert Gilroy, Scottish middleweight champion, for in this, their fourth meeting, he fared no better than in their previous three get-togethers. He was forced to retire in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round contest with a badly damaged right arm.

He lost the first bout, with a damaged eye, necessitating retirement, and in their subsequent encounters, has been unable to turn the tables on his dour Scottish opponent.

In this contest he fought hard and damaged his arm. It became increasingly apparent that this was handicapping him. During the fifth, the referee, Eugene Henderson, asked him whether he wanted to retire. His answer was decidedly not. He continued to fight, but in such pain that he was forced to stop and began gnawing at his thumb. His manager then called the referee over, and showed him that it was impossible for the Irishman to continue.

O'Connor took this defeat very much to heart. He left the ring quite downcast.

Arthur Danahar of the Welsh Guards stopped Sean Clancy of Eire in the eighth of a scheduled ten-rounder, in which Danahar dominated the way the bout went, and was way ahead at the close.

Jack Carrick of Hull was beaten on points by Dick Shields of Birkenhead over the eight-round course.

After taking five counts, Mickey Jones of Southend was beaten by Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton, the referee stopping the contest during the fifth round. Reynolds scaled 121 pounds. Quite a big flyweight?

Alec Woods of Randalstown beat Frank Hough of Battersea, the referee stopping the contest in the fourth, and Jimmy Moore of Liverpool and Harry Davis of Bethnal Green fought a draw over six rounds.

CAMP KOHLER, CALIF., NEWS

By PFC. JOE CORDOVA

BOXING at this northern California post is at a dormant stage due to the loss of Cpl. Vern LaCross and of Pfc. Dave Jiminez and Buddy Gomer. LaCross was forced to quit after an operation for cataracts on both his eyes. Jiminez and Gomer retired following their bouts with Scott Chapman, a Negro sailor boy from the Treasure Island Section Base. Jiminez won an unpopular decision and Gomer lost his fight with the Negro.

In their Army careers, LaCross won the Golden Gloves 160-pound title in San Francisco this year, and Jiminez won the post middleweight crown last year and the trophy for the best fighter of the tourney. Gomer, a pro middleweight, got the title and trophy for best boxer of the tourney. They all fought for the Army a little over a year. Now Jiminez is at Drew Field, Florida, according to last reports. The trio of the "Fighting Three Musketeers" is now broken up—only LaCross and Gomer remain on this post. Days of this fighting trio are now purely memories.

Roseville, Calif.—At the school auditorium, Buddy "Kid" Gomer, 177, boxed a two-round exhibition with Thomas Bell, 183, a lad from Roseville. Ten amateur bouts completed the card, which was well attended. Both Gomer and Bell put on a fast show, which was both exciting and interesting, even though no decision was given.

SHORTS—Pfc. Bob Grogan of Mather Field, a native of Stockton, was promoted to corporal. He is the man who is responsible for putting on the All-Service fight cards in Sacramento and points around northern California. Cpl. Grogan is the matchmaker for the 20-30 Club in Sacramento.

Sailor Scott Chapman had the better of Pfc. Delaware Bradby, Mather Field Negro, for three rounds until Delaware connected with one of his famed right hands that flattened Mr. Chapman for the night in their main bout in San Francisco. That makes Mr. Bradby the top light-heavyweight around the northern California area. In fact, he is the A.A.U. and Pacific Coast Golden Gloves champion and holds several other titles. He is going places in the pro ranks. This Virginia Negro never boxed until he got into the Army Air Corps! He packs a terrific wallop in either hand. Only Sgt. Todd Cole, the "Fighting MP" from Benecia, Calif., a star Negro heavyweight, has been able to stop the tough Bradby. Sgt. Cole fought a lot at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

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ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

FORT SMITH, ARK., April 1—More than 1500 fans witnessed a jam-up boxing entertainment in the 1944 Arkansas A.A.U. tournament. Here are the results:

Open division. Flyweight—Billy Flippen, Ft. Smith, defeated Spencer Steinmetz, Camp Chaffee (3). Bantamweight—Mickey Kraus won over Wiley Kilgore, Ft. Smith (3). Featherweight—Frank Overturff, Arkansas A. & M., won over Frank Wilson, Camp Chaffee (3). Lightweight—F. L. Williams, Arkansas A. & M., knocked out H. C. Dean, Arkansas A. & M. (3). Welterweight—Don Mollozzi, Camp Robinson, knocked out Leon Wright, Camp Robinson (1). Light-Heavy—J. M. Canady, Arkansas A. & M., won over A. G. Dalton, also of the A. & M. (3). Heavyweight—Jack Bales, Arkansas A. & M., knocked out Anthony Caratazzola, Camp Robinson (3). Dan Mazer of Camp Chaffee was forced to forfeit his middleweight match to Connie Goeringer of A. & M., Mid-South Golden Gloves Champion, when he turned up with a high temperature.

Novice division: Don Arnold, Little Rock, decisioned J. C. Dunn, Ft. Smith (3), no weights.

Other Novice Results: Flyweight—J. C. Teague, Ft. Smith, defeated Tommy Presson, Ft. Smith (3). Featherweight—Dwayne Pendleton, Paris, Ark., won from Billy Joe Ellis, Ft. Smith, by a forfeit. Lightweight—Jimmy Gleason, Little Rock, outpointed Melvin Robertson, Ft. Smith (3). Middleweight—Charles Butler, Ft. Smith, won over Albert Oliver, Little Rock, by a forfeit.

Texarkana, Ark., April 13—Here are the results of a show staged here under the auspices of Company D, State Guard:

Albert Sutton (140), drew first blood by downing Joe Chastine, 142, in the second round. Owen Lee, 196, won over B. C. Hickerson, 185 (3). Gerald Lewis, 165, won over Ray Hamilton, 150 (3). John Bookout, 135, won over Preston Dowd, 133 (3). Jack Mosier, 154, won over Bill O'Donnell, 163 (3). Cennett Smith, 145, and Winfred Tally, 136, drew (3). Bobby Dowd, 135, won over Kenneth Branum, 138 (3). Raymond Skinner, 175, won over Lane Lewis, 169 (3).

North Little Rock, April 19—Buddy Holderfield demonstrated just why he is National Golden Gloves lightweight boxing champion. The classy Scott, Ark., youngster registered a knockout over Frank Overturff in the second round. Eddie Girsh, New York City heavyweight, who is stationed at Camp Robinson, knocked out Jack Bales of A. & M., in the third round. Ed Roberts, 140, North Little Rock, knocked out Bill Agee, 145, Arkansas A. & M. (3). Paul Holderfield, 110, was not as fortunate as his brother Buddy, losing a close decision to Johnny Williams. Paul gave a 10 pound weight advantage to his foe (3). F. L. Williams, 138, Monticello, won over Travis Maxey, 138, Little Rock (3). Connie Goeringer, 160, Arkansas A. & M., State A.A.U. Champion, won over Lawrence Hanrahan of Camp Robinson (3). J. M. Canada, 175, won a decision from A. G. Dalton, 175 (3). Both are of Arkansas A. & M. L. C. Whitfield, 125, A. & M., won over Carl Williams, 127, North Little Rock (3). Troy Gray, 145, Scott, won over T. P. Wright, 145, Monticello (3).

Special—Buddy Holderfield, National Golden Gloves lightweight champion, passed his physical and has been accepted for the armed services. He was inducted April 26.

Buddy won the Mid-South G.G. title in Memphis and then went on to capture the Chicago title. He won his intercity bout in New York.

Yours Truly is Holderfield's manager. When he comes back, Buddy will turn pro. Yours Truly is also manager of Pvt. O. D. Hightower of Clarksville, Ark., featherweight Golden Gloves champion, State A. A. U. and Mid-South champ. He won them all in the years 1931-'32 and '33. When he comes marching home, O. D. will turn pro.

Louis Christian was inducted into the Marine Corps. Christian, a native of Ft. Smith, has held many ring titles in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Louis captured the Eastern Oklahoma middleweight title in 1934, a crown he held for two years. He won the Arkansas G.G. title in 1939 and was A.A.U. champion of Arkansas in 1941.

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 4—A little Indian boy upset Baxter Horne, Oklahoma City, outstanding flyweight, to win the Oklahoma A.A.U. 112-pound title, for one of the season's most surprising upsets. Charlie Pebeahsy, from Fort Sill Indian school at Lawton, was the lad who brought Horne's winning streak to an end before 4,000 fans at the finals of the Oklahoma A.A.U. championship.

Other Results: Those who won an A.A.U. title follow: Virgil Franklin, 118, Riverside, decisioned Paul Keotah, 119, Oklahoma City (3). Horace Tahbone, 126, Riverside, decisioned George White, 124, Riverside (3). Tony Caminiti, 135, Purcell Gunners, decisioned Howard Carr, 134, Oklahoma City (3). Alvin Williams, 147, Oklahoma City, decisioned Ray Herndon, 146, Dickson (3). Dick Smith, 158, Oklahoma City, decisioned Stanley Stone, 160, Purcell Gunners (3). Ray Williams, 170½, Blackwell, decisioned Hal Tait, 171, Sapulpa (3). Ellsworth Clark, 201, Tulsa, decisioned Ken Cox, 196, Purcell Gunners (3).

Kenneth Wiles, 105, decisioned David Miles, 107 (3). Jerry Smith, 159, decisioned Leon Yost, 160 (3). Don Ramsey, 121, knocked out J. B. Phillips, 124 (2). Jack Herndon, 127, decisioned Warren Gose, 126 (3).

Special:—Ellsworth Clark of Tulsa. Pvt. Billy Tiger, Marvin Liddell, Alvin Williams and Vincent Myers, please get in touch with Yours Truly at 1003 E. Magrill St., Longview, Texas.

Muskogee, Okla., April 26—Revival of amateur boxing in Muskogee got off to a good start with a full team of boxers from Sapulpa, Eufaula and Wetumka, Okla. Little Washie Lewis, Eufaula Indian and amateur flyweight champion of Oklahoma, K.O.'ed Preston Copeland of Sapulpa in the first round.

Other bouts: Donald Buck, Wetumka, 118, decisioned Lump Atkins, Sapulpa, 119 (3). Jimmy Bailey, Eufaula, 107, decisioned Johnny Babb, Sapulpa, 107 (3). Raymond Beavers, Eufaula, 114, decisioned Leroy Waldren, Sapulpa, 116 (3). George Fox, Eufaula, 121, T.K.O.'ed Lee Atkins, Sapulpa, 119 (2). Joe Benevue, Sapulpa, 134, K.O.'ed William McCarson, Eufaula, 139 (2). Freddy Marshall, Camp Gruber, 135, K.O.'ed Jack Brady, Eufaula, 136 (3). Joe Lamascus, Sapulpa, 140, decisioned Lantie Wilson, Muskogee, 141 (3).

Texarkana, Ark., April 27—A lively crowd jammed the gym for a series of fast rough and furious bouts. Results: Harold Stockton, 145, knocked out Sammy Lucas, 145 (2). Preston Dowd, 140, won over Billy Crumpton, 142 (3). Albert Sutton, 142, won over Bobby Dowd, 140 (3). Andrew Johnson, 175, won over Mickey Sullivan, 178 (3). Phillip Ronton, 150, knocked out Andy Etheridge, 152 (2). L. D. Berry, 142, won over Vaughn Bristow, 150 (3). Ralph Bivins, 152, knocked out Jack Mosin, 154 (3). Joyce Walraven, 195, of Simms, Texas, fought to a draw with Raymond Hickerson, 200 (5).

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

CINCINNATI, at the present time, and Southern Ohio in particular, remind this writer of the Buffalo, N. Y., case. We have been following Buffalo for some months and the case in the Bison City is quite a foreword to Cincinnati and Southern Ohio. We are referring to the present conditions that exist in boxing around here. Like Buffalo a few months ago, Cincinnati has NOT ONE PROMOTER.

Cincinnati is a good boxing city and the right promoter, with the right spirit and connections, can coin a bankroll. We have here, right now, some good promoters such as Benny Becker, Frank Rappold, Jimmy Shevlin, Charlie Dyer, George Rhein, and several other lesser lights, any of whom could step in, with a little spirit and really bring the game up to a high level. How about it, gentlemen? We are positive the Cincinnati Boxing Commission would give its best in co-operation.

The only action around here occurred at Indianapolis, Ind., on the night of March 31, when Johnny Denson, slugger deluxe from the Tommy Leeper stable, knocked out Ira Hughes of Pittsburgh in jig time.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS . . . George Ades and promoter Dave Beznor in Milwaukee drew nearly eleven grand with their last show. . . . This hustling duo is really putting the Wisconsin 20th Century Club on the top shelf. . . . Les Huffman, vet Columbus, Ohio, manager, has a corking good middleweight in Patrick Flannigan, who is going at a speedy clip. . . . Wade Miller, Indian heavyweight from the Dakotas, and a very good amateur star, is soon to turn pro. . . . Wade has a kayo wallop, is a good trainer, clean liver and should get along. . . . My flashes fight services continue to reach out over the world. . . . Those interested in this monthly review of boxing can subscribe to same through Jimmie Amann, editor and publisher, at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio . . . My fight guide which features 400 promoters' and managers' names and addresses is also going over good at one dollar each. . . . Ronny Kid Wilson, Mishawaka, Ind., service veteran of three major Navy battles and crack Indiana featherweight, talked to this writer a few hours before departing for re-enlistment, this time in the Canadian Air Forces. . . . Grand going and good hunting, Ronny! . . . Bob Capocy, Chicago fight pilot, is back in the running, with Bill Petersen, a good white heavyweight, topping the Capocy listings. . . . Harvey Streiber, versatile Ashtabula, Ohio, manager and promoter, has IT. . . . Harv took quite a beating in bad luck recently, most all his fighters are in the services. . . . Remember, my address is 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

A REVIVAL of professional ring activities is in progress in Western New York State, with Buffalo and Binghamton staging regular shows. Rochester will follow shortly.

Rochester, a great amateur city, has developed several outstanding amateur boys, among them Johnny Virgo, lightweight; Al Roberts, middleweight; Lee Milo, lightheavy; and Freddy Patterson, welterweight. Area fighters developed are George Long, welterweight from Corning, N. Y., and Mike Cassidy, a middleweight, also from Corning, N. Y. The above are all turning pro. Rochester will have talent to work with.

The Rochester Elks Club continued to stage bimonthly amateur shows all season, featuring National Golden Glove and National A.A.U. champion Ray Standifer, Kansas City and Cleveland, Ohio, 175-pound sensation. Also Joey D'Amato, Youngstown, Ohio, National lightweight champ. Among other amateur fighters appearing at the Elks Club battle pit this season were Tommy Stenhouse, 126 pounds, Buffalo, N. Y., 1943 runner-up in the National A.A.U. tournament at Boston. Prentiss Hall, 1943 National Diamond Belt middleweight champ; Frank Cordy, Niles, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, 147-pound representative at both Chicago and Boston.

The greatest improvement seen in any fighter was shown by Eric Schauer, Rome, N. Y., air base mechanic. Schauer, a middleweight, started off by getting kayoed and losing a decision to Freddy Patterson. But with the help of Tony Storace, one of the best boxing instructors in the country, Erie went on to score four straight kayoes over outstanding opponents from Cleveland and Warren, Ohio. He topped his showing by stopping Harry Daniels of Warren, Ohio, and the Youngstown Golden Glove champ.

Johnny Flynn, Rochester heavyweight, may box Joe Baksi in Buffalo. Flynn scored a knockout over Frank Lumpkins in a comeback attempt.

Bill Foley, Rochester featherweight, is in China, stationed with the American forces. Foley boxed on the boat while en route to foreign soil. Andy Stoe, Lancaster, Pa., featherweight, who lived and boxed in Rochester several years ago, is in England as a member of the American army and does some boxing.

"Irish" Shorty Dowd, local promising bantamweight, who is in the armed service has married. So has Allen Hughes, manager of Al Costa. Both Hughes and Costa are in the army.

Dom Angelo, local former heavyweight, who is in the Coast Guard, stationed on the west coast, may be given his discharge. Angelo is now 36 and is suffering with arthritis in his arm.

Lee Milo is back in training. He will resume boxing following a year layoff.

Hughie Smith, a local star of several years back, occasionally finds time from work to don his ring togs and spar a number of rounds with the various fighters around the Elks gym.

The latest Elks' ring results: Frank Cordy, 147, Niles, Ohio, knocked out Fred Patterson, Rochester, fifth round. Joe D'Amato, 126 pounds, Youngstown, Ohio, won over Duke Andrews, Cleveland, five rounds. Joe Salcone, 118, Warren, Ohio, won decision over Whid Little, Cleveland, 5 rounds. Joe Nicoletti, 135, Rochester, won over Bill McCray, Cleveland, three rounds. Leo Polito, 135, Rochester, won over Angelo Aleo, Rochester, decision, three rounds. Johnny Virgo, 135, Rochester, won by knockout over Art Jackson, Cleveland, Ohio, third round. Jimmy Northway, local fighter, is doing bits in Hollywood.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JACK SINGER plans to bring back Lulu Costantino for a big match here in May or June.

Lulu went over big in his initial appearance when he lambasted Joe Bagnato at the Hudson A.C. in ten fast rounds. Charlie Johnston, manager for Costantino, figures his man can beat any topnotcher.

Singer has arranged for a large number of Tuesday night dates at Civic Stadium. He intends to give Buffalo open-air bouts this summer.

Mike Martyk beat Billy Eddy at Detroit. Bert Finch, who squired Martyk to the Motor City, says Mike made a splendid impression and is wanted back. Martyk also fought in Cleveland and lost a hard bout to Leroy Jackson.

Harry Raskin, former Buffalo middleweight star, is doing well with his "Show Bar" in Detroit. Raskin hung up a string of knockouts while fighting out of Buffalo.

The Grim Reaper took three well-known Buffalo boxing men during the past few weeks. Vince Plunkett, former secretary of the Orioles and well known as the manager of Art Weigand, Freddie Mueller and Steve Halaiko, passed away at the age of 71; Billy Michael, once boxing instructor at the U. S. Naval academy, and later manager of Jackie Donovan, was also 71 when he died; Marty McGowan, one of the organizers of the First Ward A. C., and manager of Dummy Burns, Steamboat Billy Scott, Harry Boyle and Hank Zunner, was 62 when death came his way.

AROUND THE TOWN—Leo Bradley has staged a couple of boxing shows at Hamilton, Ont., but has had only fair financial success . . . Leo did a swell job in piloting Jackie Callura to the featherweight championship and is well liked in the Ontario city . . . Tommy Moore will be back in the saddle as promoter of pro boxing at Jamestown, N. Y., very soon . . . Moore is a smart promoter, honest and reliable, and knows exactly what Jamestown fans want . . . Billy Mitchie says his new Fairview A. C. will be licensed soon and that he will go after major matches for Buffalo . . . Billy has a lease on the Memorial Auditorium for a number of Tuesday nights.

Bert Finch paid a visit to your correspondent the other day and assured me that he will have a fine gymnasium going before summer ends . . . Right now Jack Singer has the only professional gym in town. It is located at Washington and North Division streets . . . Singer has brought back the fight game here and deserves a break . . . Maybe he'll clean up this summer.

Jack Herman has The Angel (Maurice Tillet) packing the houses again . . . The Angel is the best attraction ever to hit this town . . . Marve Westenberg beat Tillet the last time out but Marve will probably take his beating when the twain meet again . . . Eddie Tranter, former sports editor of *The Times*, is now Director of Recreation for the Buffalo Parks department . . . Mike Curry, former newspaperman, is Director of Parks . . . Promoter Jack Herman may keep his herd of behemoths going throughout the summer, picking some out-of-town spots.

Joe Netro is living in Buffalo while Tommy Sulpi is on vacation . . . Netro is handling Phil Muscato and the rest of the Sulpi stable . . . Look for a big boxing boom here as soon as the war is over . . . Rumors say the Arena A. A. will also get a boxing license before long . . . Thomas Fischer (Tommy McGlynn), once a good lightweight boxer here, is the newest appointee as referee . . . Anse Carroll is doing a fine job as a judge . . . Anse was formerly assistant matchmaker for the Crescent A. A. when your correspondent was the promoter and matchmaker.

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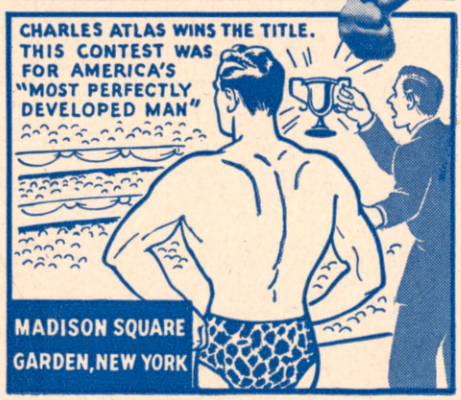

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